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Bombing overshadows summit

Clinton calls for crusade to beat terrorism

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER AND MICHAEL BINYON IN LYONS

PRESIDENT CLINTON called last night for a new international alliance to combat attacks such as the Dhahran bombing, saying: "We must rally the forces of freedom and tolerance everywhere to work against terrorism."

Mr Clinton was speaking as leaders of the seven main industrial nations rewrote their summit agenda to consider new proposals on terrorism and organised crime.

World terrorism is the greatest security challenge of the 21st century, Mr Clinton said. "All of us understand that terrorism is a problem from which no one can hide and on which we can all cooperate."

Later, when the G7 leaders gathered for their traditional opening dinner, they approved a swiftly prepared draft from their host, President Chirac, condemning recent outrages.

They also looked at anti-terrorist measures drawn up over the past few months, and they are likely to approve them when the Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin joins the gathering this afternoon.

The proposals include a "nowhere to hide" extradition agreement, tighter border controls, powers to seize criminals' assets, a crackdown on computer fraud and money laundering.

Tuesday's Dhahran bombing made it inevitable that terrorism would dominate the G7 deliberations, and John Major was determined to en-



Clinton: proposed new international alliance

expect the G7 to adopt 40 very specific recommendations to combat crime and terror, to increase our efforts to prevent terrorists from committing their crimes and our ability to track, catch and punish them when they do."

To underline his call for collective action Mr Clinton pointed to a tree planted shortly after the French Revolution and known locally as the Tree of Liberty. He said: "Today's threats to liberty that your tree symbolises are very different from those of 200 years ago, different from the threats of World War Two or the Cold War. But they are real and we must face them."

Mr Clinton went on to spend an hour in talks with Mr Major, discussing the Saudi and Manchester bombings and the Northern Ireland peace process.

The unity over terrorism did not, however, deter Mr Major from raising European fears over an American law that could damage companies doing business with Libya, Iran and Cuba.

The Helms-Burton law, which punishes firms from other countries that do business with Cuba, is likely to feature prominently in the summit's discussions over the next two days, with other leaders expected to use their private talks with the President to protest about the effects of the legislation on their countries.

Earlier, on a symbolic visit to Perrouges — a small town liberated from the Nazis by American and French troops — Mr Clinton had declared: "Fifty-two years ago the French Resistance worked here in common cause with American GIs to win your freedom back. Now we must join together to face down the new threat to our freedom."

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sure that Mr Clinton, particularly, understood that terrorism associated with Northern Ireland should be considered in the same light.

He said: "The outrage at Dhahran and the outrage at Manchester — where only good fortune averted many being killed — means that this is an issue which we must address."

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Six days from now this treasure could be lost to the nation



The 12th century Limoges casket is held aloft by Conrad Webb of Sotheby's photograph by Des Jensen

Battle to keep the Becket casket

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has just six days to save a jewel of the nation's heritage. A spectacular 12th century casket which is believed to hold a relic of St Thomas à Becket, is to be sold by Sotheby's on Thursday.

The reliquary casket or chasse, which may have contained one of Becket's bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair, could be lost forever unless the Victoria & Albert Museum can raise several million pounds before the sale.

Sotheby's is estimating that it will fetch about £1.5 million at auction, although there is nothing comparable to guide them; others are forecasting much more. Canada is among its most likely destinations: a noted collector of medieval antiquities lives there. The Getty Museum in California and the Metropolitan Museum in New York are also being suggested as possible buyers.

The striking 1190s casket, 12in long, 11½ins high and 4½ins wide, bears Limoges enamelling that is unrivalled in Britain. Expressive figures, each with repositioned copper heads, tell the story of Becket's murder and martyrdom.

Scholars and clergymen argue that, as one of the earliest representations of the saint in existence, this is just the kind of heritage treasure which the lottery should be saving for Britain. For some, this has a far stronger heritage case than perhaps the Scurat painting bought for the Nat

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Rose pesticide is banned

Britain's best-selling garden pesticide for use on roses, Roseclear, has been banned with immediate effect by the Government after tests on rabbits showed it could cause serious eye damage.

The product is manufactured by Zeneca Agrochemicals of Haslemere, Surrey, and has been marketed since January of last year by Miracle Garden Care of Godalming, also in Surrey. Retail sales amount to about £2.5 million a year.

Train strain

A Eurostar train taking investors and City analysts to Eurotunnel's annual shareholders' meeting in Paris broke down. They were rescued by two TGVs and arrived in Paris three hours late.

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Why Southgate the brave stepped up ahead of England's penalty novices

BY STAFF REPORTERS

GARETH SOUTHGATE, whose penalty miss against Germany brought England's Euro '96 bandwagon to a shuddering halt, returned home yesterday with words of sympathy ringing in his ears.

"He's the one you have to feel for in all this," Terry Venables, the outgoing England coach, said. "He wanted to take a penalty and he stood up and took it. I'm sure he will come through and be the stronger for it."

Venables had talked to Southgate long into Wednesday night, just as he had done on the field in the immediate aftermath of his side's defeat.

Southgate, whose only previous penalty hit the post, had his kick saved by Andreas Köpcke, after the first choice penalty-takers from both sides had all scored.

"We had been practising the day before and Gareth was perfectly happy to take one," Ted Buxton, Venables's assist-

tant, said. Southgate's miss at least relieved the tension from the players next in line: Darren Anderson, Paul Ince and Steve McManaman — none of whom had ever scored a penalty. "Tony Adams said he would take one, and I suppose David Seaman would have been last," Buxton added.



Typical, just when I want to go on the rampage in the West End

Perhaps Venables should have asked Adams, the captain, ahead of Southgate since he scored a penalty in Arsenal's shoot-out against Sampdoria of Italy in April last year. He was right, though, not have chosen Seaman. The Arsenal goalkeeper's solitary penalty was against Manchester United in the 1993 FA Charity Shield and his kick was so weak that Peter Schmeichel saved it comfortably.

Coaches have to hand a list of five players to the referee before the shoot-out. England's five, all regular penalty-takers, chose themselves. After that, it was a matter of finding volunteers. Southgate might reflect that he was too brave for his own good. "It's like a bruise," Venables said on his last day as England coach. "The feeling will come back tomorrow."

For Köpcke, the secret of success lay in guesswork. Knowing nothing about Southgate's technique, he de-

cidet to trust to instinct and made the vital save, diving to his right to parry Southgate's low kick. "It was pure luck," he said.

Southgate was offered further consolation after the game from John Major, who put an arm round him and told him: "You were one of the stars of the tournament and have no need to be ashamed. You should be proud of your performance."

Southgate's mother, Barbara, was less diplomatic. She said that when he telephoned her after the match she asked him "Why didn't you just belt it?"

Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, led the calls for a fairer solution to drawn matches in the later stages of big tournaments. "It is not very satisfactory," he said. "If there is a better alternative we would look at it."

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Blair flies to pacify Scotland

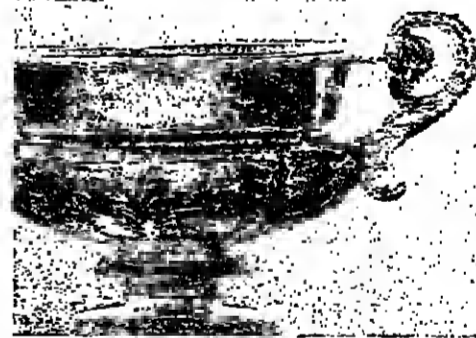
BY JILL SHERMAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TONY BLAIR flies into Edinburgh today to quell a growing storm both within and outside his party over his plans to hold a referendum on a Scottish parliament.

The proposal has infuriated the Scottish Labour Party and has prompted the resignation of Lord Ewing, a Labour peer, from his post as co-chairman of the Scottish Constitutional Convention, the body which drew up the blueprint for a Scottish parliament.

John McAllion, a Labour frontbench spokesman on Scotland, is threatening to resign, although Donald Dewar, the chief whip, made strenuous attempts to dissuade him.

Yesterday John Major, Michael Heseltine and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, did their best to exploit the turmoil. In a barnstorm-



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Genetics expert explains why some mothers do 'ave 'em

BY JEREMY LAURENCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

BRIGHT men have their mothers to thank for their cleverness. But dimwitted chaps should also blame their moms, according to an Australian genetics expert.

Professor Gillian Turner says that the genes a son inherits from his

mother play a greater role in determining his intelligence than those he acquires from his father.

Several genes which determine intelligence appear to be located on the X-chromosome, the one men inherit from their mothers. Writing in *The Lancet*, Professor Turner says that this could explain why most geniuses are male — and most dimwits are too.

A woman inherits two X-chromosomes — one from each parent — so the effect of any mutation to a gene on one will be diluted by the corresponding normal gene on the other.

However, a man has only one X-chromosome, which is paired with the much smaller Y-chromosome from his father. The Y-chromosome does not carry enough genes to match every one

on the X-chromosome so a single mutation on the X-chromosome is likely to be able to exert its full effect.

In the case of intelligence genes, that could make the difference between being average and being a genius or an idiot.

The best bet for a man who wants to have smart sons is to marry a smart woman, Professor Turner says.

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# Drug-deal suspect offered corrupt policeman £60,000

By RICHARD DUCE AND STEWART TENDLER

A CORRUPT police officer faces a lengthy jail sentence after a suspected drugs dealer was convicted yesterday of offering him £60,000 in bribes.

John Donald, 37, had admitted taking bribes from Kevin Cressey, 38, a self-confessed criminal, but the case against him could not be opened until Cressey was eventually convicted yesterday at the Old Bailey of offering the cash for information about undercover operations. During the two-month trial the jury was offered 24-hour police protection.

Donald, described by the prosecution as "steeped in corruption and dishonest to the core", was exposed in a BBC Panorama programme. He will be sentenced today by Mrs Justice Steel.

Cressey, of Diton, Kent, met Donald when he was arrested and accused of drugs

dealing, a charge on which the jury, after three days of deliberation, has still to agree. He was arrested in 1992 as part of a lengthy South East Regional Crime Squad operation, known as an "India" and Cressey was "India One".

John Nutting, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that he was arrested in Streatham, south London, with David Fraser, son of "Mad" Frankie Fraser, who was carrying a Browning automatic pistol. Police allegedly seized a laundry bag containing 52kg of cannabis resin, worth £200,000.

Cressey decided to turn informant and Donald, based with one of the South East Regional Crime drug squads in Surbiton, Surrey, had regular meetings with his new charge. Donald, of Shep-

erton, Surrey, was assigned another officer, but then broke the rules by persisting in meeting Cressey alone while his colleague went away on a course. It was while the pair were alone together that Donald took £1,000 for handing over a copy of the police file on Cressey.

Then Donald took £18,000 to ensure that Cressey received bail on the drug charges. He was paid a further £500 for providing Cressey with police information about surveillance on a Michael Lawson.

Donald also agreed a fee of £40,000 to destroy incriminating evidence in a case against Cressey. A further £10,000 was promised for providing Cressey with information about British Customs and United States drug agency operations for Mr Lawson and a Kenneth Noye.

On December 17, 1992, the case against both Cressey and Fraser was discontinued at a committal hearing before Camberwell magistrates, but three months later police decided to recharge Cressey with possession of drugs with intent to supply. Fraser had by then left the country and is believed to be living in Spain.

Three weeks later Cressey, believing he had been double-crossed, decided to discredit the case against him by establishing that Donald was corrupt. He contacted Panorama and, over the next six months, his conversations with Donald, in which he tried to get the officer to admit he had been "fitted up", were recorded secretly.



John Donald, left, has admitted taking bribes from Kevin Cressey for information about police activities



Kevin Cressey, right, was eventually convicted of offering the cash for information about undercover operations



Jennifer Powell, who was dismissed from her £24,000-a-year job by Peter Fenwick for allegedly stealing bonuses



## Fenwicks executive sacked for theft

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE deputy chairman of Fenwicks department store sacked an executive after accusing her of stealing staff Christmas bonuses, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Peter Fenwick dismissed Jennifer Powell from her post as building manager and company secretary at Chesterfield House, a mansion block in Mayfair, central London, where Fenwicks owned a number of flats. Mrs Powell, who was paid £24,000 a year and had a rent-free flat, is claiming unfair dismissal. She denies theft and says she was not given a fair hearing. The tribunal was told that two porters at the flats found



Chesterfield House, where Fenwicks owns flats

held some of the bonus until after Christmas without telling the staff, but had intended to pay them. But before she could do so, she was sacked. Mrs Powell of Bourne-mouth, Dorset, was dismissed in January for gross misconduct after the porters told one of the building's owners, David Atterton, a former director of the Bank of England, of their suspicions. He informed Mr Fenwick. Peter Oldham, for Mrs Powell, said that his client was an exemplary manager who arranged Christmas parties for staff and bought them each a turkey. Mr Fenwick had not given her a fair hearing. The bonuses were paid directly to Mrs Powell. She claimed that she with-

discrepancies in the Christmas bonuses dating back two years. Jim Gorman and David Reeves kept diaries of their bonus in 1995 and found that they received about £50 each, although two residents alone had given £700 and £45 each to be shared among a staff of 12. The bonuses were paid directly to Mrs Powell. She claimed that she with-

## Tent girl's injuries like those in car crash

By KATE ALDERSON

THE killer who took Sophie Hook, 7, from a garden tent left her with head injuries so severe that they could have been caused in a road accident, a court was told yesterday.

Dr Donald Waite, a Home Office pathologist, said Sophie's bruises were like those of an accident victim whose head strikes the windscreen or the side of the car. He confirmed that all the injuries he had accounted for were inflicted while she was alive. Three children told Chester Crown Court on a video link that they saw Howard Hughes, who is accused of Sophie's murder, lingering on a bridle path at the bottom of the garden on the afternoon of July 29. The prosecution says that was when Sophie, her siblings and cousins were playing in the garden, some of them wearing little clothing, and chattering excitedly about camping in a tent that night. On Wednesday, Gerald Elias, QC, for the defence, said that Mr Hughes had heard and perhaps seen the children and he was lurking to get a better view. Sophie, from Great Budworth, Cheshire, was taken from a tent in her uncle's garden in Llandudno under cover of darkness and subjected to a violent attack before being strangled. Mr Hughes, 31, from Colwyn Bay, North Wales, denies murder and double rape. The case continues.

## Barrister four times over drink-drive limit may go to jail

By TIM JONES

A BARRISTER was warned yesterday that he faces a jail sentence after he was found to be four times over the drink-drive limit when his car was stopped. James Bonney, QC, told police patrol officers: "I am a High Court judge. Take me home."

Michael Wenman, presiding at Lytham Magistrates' Court, Lancashire, told him the court was considering a custodial sentence after hearing Bonney, 47, had been banned from driving for 18 months after being convicted six years ago for driving over the limit. The court was told that Bonney, who has chambers in Manchester and London, had been placed on a list of counsel who might be invited to become judges in the Chancery Division of the High Court. David Forbes, for the prosecution, said that on a May afternoon police saw him mount the kerb twice as he drove at 25 mph down at road at Lytham. Although signalled to stop, Bonney continued down two other roads before halting. Mr Forbes said that at first Bonney denied drinking but then said he had been drinking heavily the previous evening. "He did not give a roadside breath test and was cautioned by police. A breath test at the police station showed 130 units of alcohol in his blood against the legal maximum of 35. Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said: "He is not a

drinker. You may think that an extraordinary statement but what has happened is that on two occasions he has been basically drunk too much." He added: "This conviction must have ended any judicial career he may have hoped for. He must expect shame and disgrace other members of the community could not suffer. Since this event he has not worked or consumed any alcohol whatsoever." Mr Henriques said that at the time of the offence his client, a church lay reader, was unwell. His father had died of cancer and his daughter had been in hospital. He had also found that he could not cope with his workload since becoming a QC. He will be sentenced after magistrates have considered reports.



Bonney: has not worked since the breath test

## Woman was shot dead in row over swearing

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN of 55 was shot dead on her doorstep after telling her son's friend to stop swearing, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mary Wilding was hit in the neck by a blast from a shotgun fired by Andrew McLeod, 41, who then turned the gun on himself. The inquest at Milton Keynes was told that moments earlier the two had argued when McLeod, who was drunk, began shouting and swearing outside Mrs Wilding's home in the town. Witnesses said they heard McLeod say: "I'm going to shoot you. You've had it now - I'm going to kill you." McLeod had been to a barbecue nearby on the night of the shooting in August last year. His girlfriend, Una Kear, said he had been drinking and smoking cannabis. Mrs Wilding's son, Kevin, 31, said he saw McLeod after going out to close the gate. "He was very abusive. I can't remember the exact words but my mum told him off."

In a statement read out at the inquest, Wilhelmina Sharpe, a neighbour, described how she heard McLeod threaten to kill Mrs Wilding. He went away and returned with a gun. She heard a "loud shot and saw sparks". Seconds later there was another shot, she said. The deputy North Bucks coroner, Peter Lovegrove, recorded verdicts of unlawful killing and suicide.

## Victim's 12 days in witness box

A JAPANESE student, the victim of an alleged gang rape, yesterday finished giving evidence after 12 days in the witness box at the Old Bailey.

The student, 20, said she had been kept naked as a prisoner for 48 hours by six teenagers who took it in turns to rape and assault her. She was so traumatised that she was unable to talk to police for two days. She was cross-examined by 11 barristers and frequently broke down in tears. The student, who had been in London for less than a month, said she was lured into a trap by a 16-year-old after a sight-seeing trip in Leicester Square. The accused are Jason

Baksh, 17, his brother Mark, 21, Aynion Waite, 18, all of Tulse Hill, and Roger Leslie, 19, of Brixton, south London. A 15-year-old from Streatham and 16-year-old from Tulse Hill may not be identified. They variously deny rape, indecent assault and aiding and abetting rape between October 12 and 14 last year.

Ford plundered £8 million from accounts simply to keep the Hastings firm afloat. It crashed in 1992. The profession will have to bear these losses," Mr Hopper said. Mr Leverton, chairman, said: "It is simply not acceptable for solicitors to close their eyes, to act as rubber stamps, or fail to blow the whistle."

## City children win village breaks despite the bicker of Dibley

By TIM JONES

DEPRIVED inner-city children will soon be playing in the leafy lanes of an idyllic Chiltern village after a planning decision that divided the community. The nine-year dispute has been dubbed a classic case of the "not in my back yard" syndrome and brought

into conflict such luminaries as Jeremy Paxman, the broadcaster, and Lady Quinton, wife of the former chairman of the British Library. The scheme to allow the former primary school in Turville - used as the setting for the television series *The Vicar of Dibley* - to be used as a holiday camp was approved unanimously by High Wycombe District Council, in spite of objections from a quarter of the 65 villagers.

Mr Paxman, who lives in the parish, but not in the village, has come in for particular criticism because of his role in helping to secure an £11,000 grant toward the project from a National Lottery fund. He has been supported by the author John Mortimer, the broadcaster Anna Ford and the actors

Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack. Lady Quinton, who lives in a splendid mill house, has said that, as the village is only 40 miles from London, the children could be driven there and back in a day, and points out that there are no facilities in the village, which has one pub but no shop. She added: "If they are small, what are they going to learn? If they are big, they are going to get into mischief." Alistair Home, the biographer, said: "We think it is very arrogant of Paxman, Mortimer and all the other showbiz types when not a single one of them lives in the village." Peter Bond, a former BBC World Service announcer, said: "It is a question of peace and quiet. There will be 12-year-old boys, and where you

get a dozen of them you get a lot of noise." He claimed that the Children's Country Holiday Fund project had already cost £250,000: "For that, they could take the children to Disneyland." The Rev Paul Nicolson, a keen supporter of the plan, said: "They have made an Alpine mountain out of a Chiltern hill. The children will be well-supervised." At least 17 villagers had written to the council, controlled by the Liberal Democrats and Labour, to object to the plan. Brian Pollock, a councillor, said: "I find these objections petty and pitiful. I thought we were being asked to approve a site for convicted axe murderers. All we are talking about here is children."

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# MPs say tabloids are to blame for football violence

By ALEXANDRA FREAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TABLOID newspapers were partly to blame for the violence that followed England's Euro 96 defeat by Germany on Wednesday, a Commons committee said last night.

A report rushed out by the cross-party National Heritage Select Committee demanded that the Press Complaints Commission investigate the reporting of the football championship in the past two weeks. The commission has received more than a hundred written complaints about xenophobic coverage of Euro 96 in the tabloid press, including a letter from the deputy general secretary of the Council of Europe, Peter Leuprecht. It received 260 telephone complaints.

The three-paragraph report into tabloid coverage expressed "disgust at xenophobic, chauvinistic and jingoistic gutter journalism perpetrated by those newspapers, which may well have had its effect in stimulating the deplorable riots following the German victory in the semi-final."

# Victors celebrate with the last laugh

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

GERMAN newspapers yesterday reflected the greatest outbreak of national flag-waving since reunification. Bild, which has put itself in the front line against the Daily Mirror, announced: "There is a football God after all!"

Even when they are in triumphant mood, the Germans are nervous; for 50 years the education system has taught them to think twice before shouting "Deutschland, Deutschland!" on the streets. But yesterday the strut was back. "Yes!" was the English-language banner headline in the Bonn Express.

The tabloids, in tune with the popular German verdict, had been preparing to denounce the referee for disallowing their team's extra-time goal. Some criticism still crept in. Bild said: "It was just like 30 years ago. This time it was a German goal and the ball was in the net, but it didn't count. A scandal!"



Police arrested 200 people during the trouble in London after England's defeat

# Skilled policing contained fury of hooligan minority

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

ONLY expert policing in central London on Wednesday night prevented damage and violence on a scale suffered by a succession of foreign capitals at the hands of English supporters over the past 20 years.

The police never allowed the trouble to spin out of control as did the Swedes in Malmö at the 1992 European championship or the Belgian police in the Heysel stadium disaster.

The police have spent £25 million and been planning for three years to ensure this championship was peaceful. They nearly succeeded. The behaviour of the 200,000 foreign spectators and vast majority of English spectators

# Russian stabbed for sounding like a German

By ADRIAN LEE, PAUL WILKINSON AND STEWART TENDLER

TWO hundred people were arrested during disorder in London after England's defeat, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Senior officers predict that more arrests will follow checks on closed-circuit television cameras.

In Portslade, East Sussex, a Russian student was stabbed by hooligans because they thought he was German. Andrei Mokhort, 17, who was due to fly home to Moscow yesterday, was stabbed five times in the neck and chest after his attackers heard his accent.

The student, who had completed an 18-month language course in Hove, was sitting in a park with two friends when they were approached by two youths 45 minutes after England's elimination from Euro 96. Constable Chris Saunders, of Sussex Police, said: "They were asked if they were German. The offenders did not believe their reply."

Many areas across the country were cleaning up yesterday after outbreaks of football-related violence. Mercedes and Volkswagen cars became targets for attack. Up to 40 people fought a pitched battle with police in a pub car park in Bradford. Five officers were slightly injured, three needing hospital treatment, after they were pelted with stones and bottles. Eleven people were arrested, including two women.

Commander John Purnell, head of Scotland Yard's 16 million Euro 96 operation, said 40 arrests were made in Trafalgar Square, the scene of the worst violence where 40 vehicles and seven properties were damaged.

Police were attacked in Swindon, where a crowd of 500 gathered in the Shawridge area. Police reinforcements were drafted in from across the country. In Basingstoke, Hampshire, two German tourists were attacked and robbed. In Bedford, 300 fans went on the rampage, looting shops and forcing police to call for help from other forces. They made 33 arrests.

# 26m watched on television

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD 26.2 million television viewers watched England lose their penalty shoot-out.

The figure exceeded the 25.21 million viewers who watched the World Cup semi-final between England and West Germany in Turin on July 4, 1990. That match also ended in a penalty-shoot-out, which England lost.

viewing, which would swell the total considerably. Wednesday's other semi-final, between the Czech Republic and France, attracted more than 13 million viewers. As usual on big occasions, most turned to the BBC. More than 6.4 million people watched the Franco-Czech match on the BBC, against ITV's three million. The BBC had a 63.3 per cent share for the England-Germany match, against ITV's 22.7 per cent. Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcast, said: "It was a thrilling occasion. We are heartened that so many viewers supported the BBC team."

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| Non-vegetarian v vegetarian diet           | 3.08                    | Heart disease          | American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Vol. 31, p. S191 (1978)        |
| Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil       | 2.80                    | Lung cancer            | International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987)                |
| Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day | 1.62                    | Lung cancer            | International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989)                |
| Eating one biscuit a day                   | 1.49                    | Heart disease          | Lancet, Vol. 341, p. 581 (1993)  |
| Drinking chlorinated water                 | 1.38                    | Rectal cancer          | American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992)              |
| Eating pepper frequently                   | 1.30                    | Mortality              | American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984)              |
| Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke      | 1.19                    | Lung cancer            | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1992)                            |
| High vegetable diet                        | 0.37                    | Lung cancer            | International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 25, Suppl. 1, p. 32 (1996) |
| High fruit diet                            | 0.31                    | Lung cancer            | American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 133, p. 683 (1991)              |

\*Relative risk measures how much consuming, or being exposed to something, raises or lowers risk. According to the US National Cancer Institute... "In epidemiologic research, relative risks of less than 2 are considered small and are usually difficult to interpret. Such increases may be due to chance, statistical bias, or effects of confounding factors that are sometimes not evident."

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# Charles II portrait comes home from Vienna exile

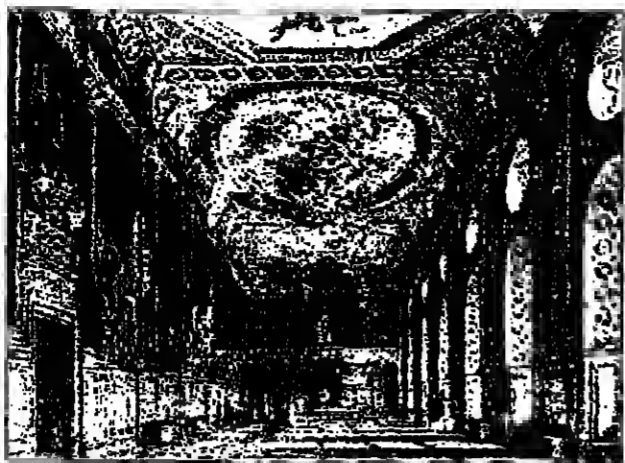
BY DALYA ALBERGE  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A LONG-LOST portrait of Charles II, painted by Antonio Verrio as the centrepiece of a magnificent 17th-century ceiling at Windsor Castle, will be returning to Windsor after its discovery by a London dealer.

The particularly lively portrait, painted between 1680 and 1684 shortly before the monarch's death, has been bought by the Royal Collection. Sir Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, described it as "a most significant acquisition".

The 32in by 27in portrait by one of Charles II's favourite artists is almost all that remains of Verrio's murals and ceiling for St George's Hall, George IV disliked them so much that he had the entire scheme dismantled and destroyed in 1829, commissioning a new look from the architect Sir Jeffrey Wyattville. Verrio is enjoying a touch of divine justice: it was Wyattville's design that was destroyed in the 1992 fire at Windsor. Verrio's portrait is likely to be given pride of place within the renovated St George's Hall.

The oil-on-plaster portrait was discovered by Philip



Charles II looks down on St George's Hall, as it was

Mould, a London dealer specialising in British portraiture, at the Dorotheum auction house in Vienna. It had been miscatalogued as a portrait of Kaiser Leopold I, a contemporary of Charles II.

Mr Mould said: "When one comes across a new image of Charles II which is clearly contemporary and then, added to that, it's on plaster, bells start ringing. I was so sure. I didn't even bother to go to Vienna." He snapped it up for £8,000, ignoring the £1,000-estimate. Dealers suggest its value might be £300,000.

Verrio's walls depicted

scenes from the life of Edward III and the Black Prince, while Charles II took pride of place on the ceiling. Its history after 1829 was a mystery, Sir Christopher said. One theory is that Wyattville himself might have saved it; another portrait of Charles II is known to have been owned by him.

During the restoration of St George's Hall, various fragments of Verrio's work have been uncovered, primarily along the top half of the walls. There is nothing, however, to compare with the portrait.

Verrio (1630-1707), was born in Lecce, southern Italy, and

trained in Naples and Paris. He came to England in 1672 and was taken into royal service, receiving commissions for Windsor, Whitehall and Hampton Court. His reputation, however, suffered at the hands of the art historian Ellis Waterhouse, whose 1962 study, *Painting in Britain, 1530-1790*, gently mocks him: "Verrio perhaps counts as the most heavily remunerated painter in Britain up to the time of Sir John Millais. It suggests some reflections on the British character that he is also one of the worst."

Verrio's reputation has since improved. Kathryn Barron, a curator of paintings with the Royal Collection, said: "A lot of what survives was painted late in his career. He went blind and probably should have stopped painting then. Some of the earlier rooms at Windsor that can still be seen are extremely beautiful. Whatever the quality of his painting, he did introduce this new style of Baroque decoration to England. He was terribly influential."

She added that the Royal Collection has 14 paintings of Charles II: "Of those, only five are considered particularly important. This is a particularly vivacious portrait."



Sir Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, and the Verrio portrait

## CID named as worst for sexual harassment

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SEXUAL and racial harassment was yesterday alleged to be widespread in a police force, with the CID among the main culprits.

Independent researchers commissioned in South Yorkshire by the Police Federation and the civilian staff union, Unison, found that up to one in eight women were victims of sexual harassment. Virtually all women officers attached to the CID had been harassed.

"Touching was the most serious form of physical sexual harassment reported by female respondents," said the report, based on interviews with 228 people. "Much of the touching behaviour verged on or amounted to minor criminality."

Among allegations of racial harassment was a claim that a superintendent told a colleague: "You only got this job because of your brown face".

Richard Wells, the chief constable, announced measures to combat the problem, including training officers to act as "advisers" to victims. He said: "If the level of inappropriate behaviour is serious, and if the evidence is there, I will sack people."

## Six jail alerts in 22 weeks revealed

BY RICHARD FORD  
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service faced six serious incidents of threatened disorder, including three at top security jails, during the first five months of the year, according to internal documents seen by *The Times*.

In each case a special command suite was opened and in two cases riot squads were sent to jails as senior officials feared indiscipline would erupt into disturbances.

Trouble was expected at Frankland jail near Durham twice in 12 days when staff thought inmates were plotting to cause trouble on the wings.

On one occasion Tornado units, special teams of riot squads, were sent to the jail, which is one of five holding the most dangerous prisoners.

In another case five teams were sent to Rochester prison in Kent when 67 immigration detainees refused to return to their cells for five hours.

At Leyhill prison in Gloucestershire, staff spotted a white van unloading bags near the perimeter fence which were found to contain six bottles of whisky, 53 of cider, 19 of lager, 18 of strong ale, cigarettes and a large bag of Chinese food.

The documents show that in the five months there were 1,539 assaults on prison staff or prisoners in the 135 jails in England and Wales, 494 absconds and 184 failures to return after temporary release. There were 3,521 drug finds, 14 escapes, 31 suicides and 387 attempted suicides and 33 incidents of concerted indiscipline.

David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said that the internal Prison Service document provided a realistic picture of the difficulties facing the service at a time when prison numbers had reached an historic high of 55,028.

Mr Evans said that increased searches and restrictions on home leave had affected the amount of illegal substances entering jails and action was needed to prevent overcrowding.

## Prisoner 'had sex in front of visitors'

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS are engaging in intimate sexual behaviour with their partners in front of other families and children during visits, according to a report published today.

Prison inspectors witnessed intimate contact between an inmate at Maidstone jail and his visitor in spite of the room being monitored by security cameras and guarded by up to three prison officers. The incident is understood to have occurred towards the end of a visit when a woman visitor wearing a short skirt sat on an inmate's lap. The inspectors say that staff were reluctant to intervene to halt the fondling taking place in front of children and other families sitting at nearby tables.

Members of the board of visitors at the jail in Kent also expressed concern at similar behaviour, a report by Sir David Ramsbottom, the new Chief Inspector of Prisons, says. There appeared to be no restriction on where or how the prisoners and visitors sat at 40 tables set out in rows in the small visiting room.

"Although security cameras surveyed the room, staffing levels were insufficient to maintain control in this sensitive area," he says. "We observed intimate contact between one prisoner and his visitor. This was unacceptable, especially since there were families with children at nearby tables."

Visits are a particular problem in jails such as Maidstone that house many life and long-sentence inmates. The dilemma for prison officers is how to intervene without causing trouble in a visiting area. In many jails officers who have witnessed sexual behaviour will recommend that an inmate is put on closed visits, in which a screen separates the prisoner from his or her visitor.

In spite of the strictures on the visiting area, the report praises the purposeful regime at Maidstone jail and the good relations between staff and inmates.



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# Ireland 'powerless' in war on drug barons

BY AUDREY MAGÉE  
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

## Minister admits journalist's murderers may escape justice

THE Irish Government virtually admitted defeat yesterday in the battle against the Dublin gangs believed to be responsible for the murder of an investigative journalist.

Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, told Irish radio there was little the justice system could do to apprehend the killers of Veronica Guerin, the award-winning reporter with the *Sunday Independent*. Ms Guerin was shot dead by two men on a motorcycle in Dublin on Wednesday.

Mrs Owen said: "The sad, awful reality of this is that these people feel they can just do this without any answerability on their part. You can rest assured that the person who paid for this murder was not the person who carried it

out. They are probably the most difficult sphere of murders to solve because of the lack of any connection."

Public confidence that the Government can tackle the Dublin gangs, most of which are heavily involved in drug dealing and trafficking, is rapidly ebbing away.

Opposition parties and pressure groups demanded an overhaul of the laws governing the right to silence and bail. Thousands of people signed books of condolence and brought flowers to Ms Guerin's workplace.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said her mur-

der was an assault on democracy. He called on the Irish Parliament to reconvene next month to discuss the Dublin criminal underworld and the reaction of the State.

Ms Guerin was one of Ireland's most well-known crime reporters. She wrote regularly about Dublin criminals and one of them is believed to have ordered her murder. Known as the Warehouse Man, he is a drugs baron who lives on a country estate on the outskirts of Dublin.

Mrs Owen said that all resources would be made available to find Ms Guerin's

murderer. About 100 detectives and uniformed police were sifting through information on suspects yesterday. A post-mortem examination showed that Ms Guerin was shot five times in the upper body with a handgun. It is understood that the killer may have come from Britain, possibly Scotland.

The Garda Federation, which represents members of the police force, said Mrs Owen should set up a task force to deal with "the godfathers of crime". Frank Gunn, the president, said the task force should be properly funded and equipped and govern-

ment departments such as the Revenue Commissioners should be involved in apprehending criminals.

"There is no sufficient deterrent there for these criminals, who think they can issue death edicts on defenceless human beings," he said.

Ms Guerin, who was awarded the International Press Freedom Award last year, is the first Irish journalist to be murdered. Some of her colleagues have faced death threats in the past. Paul Williams, a crime writer with the *Sunday World*, said he would do what he could to upset the "cosy lives" of the criminals. "When it comes down to the wire, this is the greatest body blow to democracy this country has ever seen," he said.

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Murder victim Veronica Guerin and her son, Cathal

## Killer son is sent to Broadmoor

A youth aged 19 was yesterday ordered to be detained at Broadmoor for killing his mother in a frenzied attack. He gouged her eyes out with a carpet sweeper handle. Robert Layne, from Dulwich, south London, believed his mother favoured his younger sister, the Old Bailey was told.

He stabbed and beat her round the head at least 29 times. Layne denied murdering Linda Pennell at her home in New Cross, south London, in December 1994, but admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility. He had convictions for 21 burglaries, robberies and assaults.

## Fraudster jailed

A man was jailed for 21 months after faking a pensioner's will to get a £130,000 share of his estate. John Moore, 59, of Hurley, Berkshire, 59, denied forgery charges. An earlier will bequeathed only £3,000 to Moore, Reading Crown Court was told.

## Trolleys stay put

Asda, which loses supermarket trolleys worth £500,000 each year, is testing a new model whose back wheels lock when they go over a series of small studs embedded around the store's perimeter. Trials at Asda's Sunderland store are proving a success.

## Trial collapses

An Irish murder trial collapsed after allegations that police had suppressed documents. The judge at the Central Criminal Court in Dublin released Frederick Flannery, 35, who was accused of the 1994 murder of Patrick O'Driscoll in Cork.

## Beeline for store

A swarm of 50,000 bees forced a Marks & Spencer store to shut for more than three hours in Newport, Gwent. The bees were following a queen looking for a new home but no one was stung. A beekeeper lured the swarm into a box containing honeycomb.

## Cantona scores

Eric Cantona, the Manchester United footballer, won his High Court battle to stop a wine company based in Cheshire using his name on its bottles. Cantona French Wines used a label displaying a crest and a No 7 soccer shirt similar to the one he wears.

## Bells appeal

Stockport council in Greater Manchester has lifted a Friday evening bellringing ban and agreed to soundproof the bell tower at St Elizabeth's Parish Church in Reddish. Inspectors banned bellringing practice two years ago after loud pealing had annoyed neighbours.

## Four gang leaders head the suspect list

AT LEAST four big gangs are fighting for control of the Dublin drugs trade. The underworld has splintered in the two years since the IRA murder of Martin Cahill, nicknamed The General, who previously controlled the city's underworld.

He was shot dead in August 1994 as he went to exchange videos. The IRA alleged he was involved with loyalist paramilitaries. He was the terrorists' last victim before their announcement of a ceasefire.

Since Cahill's murder, there have been 11 contract killings. Veronica Guerin's death is the first not linked to gangland warfare. Her killers will have been hitmen employed by one or more of the gang leaders she wrote

about. The men who organised the "hit" will have ensured that they had secure alibis at 1pm on Wednesday when the killing took place.

Ms Guerin wrote extensively about the criminals, their profits and their lifestyles. At the time of her death, she had been researching an article on a gangland figure known to be making huge profits from Ecstasy and cannabis.

Dublin has more heroin addicts than most other EU capitals, with about 5,000 registered heroin users and about 3,000 who are unregistered. Since the mid-1980s, when the heroin situation spiralled out of control, drugs have been a very profitable business. The heroin business is supplemented

by huge earnings from Ecstasy and cannabis resin.

There are four main suspects behind Ms Guerin's murder and she had written about them all. Each of them has become known by a nickname.

The Warehouse Man acquired his nickname because of raids on warehouses and lorries ten years ago. He is now heavily involved in drug dealing, and is said to control the rave scene in Dublin. A multimillionaire, he lives the life of landed gentry on the outskirts of the capital, regularly holidays in the Mediterranean and sends his child to a private school. He may have worked with another Dublin criminal to have Ms Guerin removed.

The Coach is a heroin dealer. It is

understood that he called Ms Guerin to warn her to back off writing about the Warehouse Man.

The Monk is a gangland boss and former IRA member. He once masterminded a £2.8 million raid on a Brinks-Allied depot in Dublin. In the past two or three years he has directed most of his criminal proceeds into legitimate businesses.

The Walrus is currently in Amsterdam after sustained police investigations into his activities. From south Dublin, he dealt in cannabis resin and Ecstasy before he had to leave the country. Ms Guerin wrote about him quite extensively. He is now believed to be attempting to supply cannabis and heroin to Irish and British criminals.

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## I am victim of Troubles, says Prince

THE Prince of Wales spoke yesterday of the IRA murder of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, his great-uncle, when questioned in Londonderry about the 1972 Bloody Sunday shootings by The Parachute Regiment (Nicholas Watts writes).

On the final day of his visit to Northern Ireland, the Prince told the nationalist Deputy Lord Mayor that he was among those who had lost relatives during the Troubles. Lord Mountbatten died in a bomb attack on his boat off Mullaghmore, Co Sligo, in 1979.

Martin Bradley, a member of the SDLP, had asked the Prince whether he had read a letter handed to officials from families of the 13 victims of Bloody Sunday. Nationalists object to the Prince because he is Colonel-in-Chief of The Parachute Regiment.

Mr Bradley said afterwards: "He told me that we must remember that we have all lost relatives, including himself. He said we should not bear grudges."

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# Court says councils have duty to fund community care

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS must provide community care whether or not they have enough money, the Court of Appeal said in a landmark judgment yesterday. The ruling contradicts government advice that councils are within their rights to prune services if they are short of money.

The majority verdict means that thousands of disabled people will be able to reclaim community care that has been withdrawn because of spending cuts. The judges rejected Gloucestershire County Council's argument that government funding cuts justified it in withdrawing services from 1,500 people.

The court rejected the Health Department's view, represented at the hearing, that a council should be able to take resources into account when it assessed an individual's need for care. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Lord Justice Swinton Thom-

as said: "The local authority is not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out a decision as to whether... to meet the needs of a disabled person."

The Public Law Project, which brought the test case on behalf of Michael Barry, 80, of Gloucester, a heart attack victim, said that the judgment was the most important so far on the rights of the disabled to community care services.

Stephen Cragg, the project's solicitor, said: "This is a wonderful victory for all those disabled people in receipt of services provided under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act. Those services are now guaranteed and cannot be removed or reduced, whatever happens to a council's resources. Once a disabled person is assessed as needing a service, the service now must be supplied. There will be thousands of disabled people around the country whose

services have been withdrawn or reduced over the last two years.

"Those people now have the right to have those services restored if their needs have not changed. No doubt this case will have resource implications for local authorities and that is something they will have to take up the Department of Health."

The council said it was concerned by the judgment and intended to appeal, although this would be expensive. Stephen Thorpe, the acting director of social services, said: "This decision will not only cause confusion and uncertainty within Gloucestershire but will also undermine social services across the country. In effect it means that we will have to provide services even if we do not have the money to do so. This cannot be right. We regret that any rationing of services is necessary, but this has been forced upon us."

# Bubble children into the open

By PAUL WILKINSON

A GROUP of children who have had to live for months inside sterile plastic bubbles came together yesterday for a party to thank the doctors who kept them alive against the odds.

The "bubble children", as they are known, were all born with Scids, severe combined immune deficiency syndrome, which leaves them without the body's natural defences against even the most minor ailment. A parental kiss could have been fatal.

They were kept isolated in their bubbles, in some cases for years, while specialists at Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital built up their immune systems through bone marrow transplants.

Among those at the party in Newcastle, held to mark three years of the Bubble Baby Appeal, was Zara Albright, 3, who returned home to Birmingham last year after spending her first 2½ years in a bubble, and Cathlin Scullion, 2, from Gateshead, who has also been treated successfully for the condition.



Party time: Cathlin Scullion and Zara Albright were both treated successfully

# Thousands alerted in smear-test inquiry

By IAN JENKINS

THOUSANDS of women have been told that the results of their cervical smear tests may be incorrect. A member of the screening staff at a Norfolk hospital has been suspended.

The results of 8,200 tests, some dating from 1993, are being rechecked by the James Paget Hospital at Gorleston. The women come from 29 GP practices in the Yarmouth and Waveney areas.

An independent inquiry has been launched. Doubts about the accuracy of results first surfaced in February, but were confirmed only in the past few days.

The staff member concerned was said to be someone with more than ten years' experience "who had been performing under par". Mike Pollard, chief executive, said: "The hospital had identified a problem and has taken resolute action to address it."

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### MEDICAL BRIEFING

## It's official: our politicians really are fit for office

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, when I was in the House of Commons, medical research workers showed that the MPs likely to die younger than their contemporaries in the outside world were those in marginal seats, or in their first term. Since Norwich South, my seat, had a majority of a few hundred and it was my first Parliament, the findings were not reassuring.

The British Heart Foundation has recently been studying those factors that make patients change their lifestyle, and as part of the survey has been studying the way MPs keep healthy. It is difficult enough for the whips' office anxiously to study the machinations in Sir George Gardner's seat in Reigate without having to worry about needless by-elections as the result of neglected health.

There are grounds for reassurance in the whips' office. Only a fifth of the members interviewed smoked, compared with two-fifths of the general population. Members make full use of the medical facilities provided in the House. Doctors recommend that everyone in middle age and older should have their blood pressure measured annually, and MPs seem to be more aware of this precaution than do their constituents. Half of the members have their blood pressure taken every six months, and a quarter every year.

Members are 10 per cent more likely to exercise than are the general population but when they do, it is for a rather shorter period. Members may be motivated by a desire to be fit enough to walk through the lobbies at each vote, and be able to fight on the hustings next time. What motivates the general public? Two-fifths of the adults interviewed said they would take more exercise if only their doctors showed them statistics which made it obvious that it was worthwhile in terms of avoiding heart disease. The ordinary man or woman in the street, or in the pub, could it seems be discouraged from drinking too much by pressure from friends, or by pictures of a liver-destroyed by alcohol.

The amount of exercise any body took was as much determined by their sexual partner as by their own determination. The sight of a flabby belly inspired people to drink less and take exercise more than any other motivating force. A cardiologist said to me last week that death from coronary thrombosis was "optional". This was an exaggeration but such a thrombosis can be postponed by stopping smoking, by half-an-hour's brisk but not violent walking daily, by having half a bottle of claret in the evening, and by keeping the blood pressure at normal limits.

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# Consultant did not tell health chiefs that he had HIV

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A DOCTOR disclosed yesterday that he has had the Aids virus for the past three years, during which time he worked for several Scottish health boards without telling them of his condition.

Dr Sandy Logie, 57, a retired consultant physician from Melrose, contracted the virus from infected blood while working in Zambia. He spoke of his guilt at not disclosing that he had been diagnosed as HIV positive to the health boards which employed him, but said it had been on the advice of his local board, Borders. His account of his illness is published in today's *British Medical Journal* as "Coming Out — a personal dilemma".

Dr Logie was advised by the Aids team at Borders Health Board to tell as few people as possible about his condition after his diagnosis. He was told there was no need to inform employers before taking up short-term posts as a locum consultant if he followed the Department of Health's guidelines and carried out no invasive procedures.

A spokesman for Borders Health Board said yesterday that Dr Logie's work practice had been monitored closely over the past three years and no patients or staff had been put at risk.

A helpline has been set up

(0800 281239) to reassure the public but the health authority has no plans to contact individual patients. "The doctor informed the health board in the Borders as soon as he knew he was HIV positive. With their agreement he was allowed to continue working, provided that he did nothing that would put any patient at risk," a statement said.

"Telling patients might have made them worried about getting infected and there was no cause for worry as there was absolutely no risk."

Dr Logie took early retirement at 53 but continued to undertake short periods of locum work for the health boards in Lothian, Argyll and Clyde, Western Isles, Dumfriesshire and Galloway and the Isle of Man. They were unaware of his condition. The hospitals he worked in included: Borders General; Stornoway; Oban Country; Lorn and Islands District; the Royal Infirmary in Dumfries; Western General and the Royal Victoria in Edinburgh; and Noble's in Douglas.

He told a press conference yesterday that he contracted the virus when he and his wife Dorothy, also a doctor, were working in Zambia three years ago. While treating a patient, he sustained a needle stick injury and shortly afterwards was exposed twice to blood which was HIV positive.

Six weeks later he fell ill with a non-specific fever and, on his return to Britain, tested positive for HIV.

His initial reaction to the news was one of numbness, but a camping holiday in the Lake District helped him to come to terms with the situation. Yesterday he said: "My state of health at the moment is that I am HIV positive, but do not have Aids. I feel reasonably fit, but my immunity is not good."

He has had dark periods in the past year. In October, after another visit to Africa, he became ill and lost a lot of weight. "During the long watches of nocturnal insomnia I sometimes feared that I was at the start of a slippery slide into chronic ill health and that my days were numbered. Restored to health, I now have to plan for an uncertain future."

Dr Logie writes in the *BMJ* that he wants to continue practising medicine. After his diagnosis he says there were two immediate problems: whom to tell and what to do with the rest of his life.

"The advice of the Aids team of my local health board was didactic: the fewer people who knew the better, and provided that I did not perform any invasive procedures, there was no reason why I should not continue to practice as a physician and, perhaps controversially, there was no need to tell people of my HIV status before doing short-term consultant locum posts," he said.

"I have had several such appointments without disclosing my state (but feel guilty about it). I have closely followed the advice of the Department of Health's Expert Advisory Group on Aids so I am confident that no patients have been put at risk."

Concealing it had been a big strain. "My wife and I have told no lies, but it is increasingly difficult to field queries about my health, my recent illnesses and my future plans." His wife, a former GP in Earliston and now a medical adviser for the Borders Health Board, has tested negative for HIV.



Dr Sandy Logie with his wife Dorothy, also a doctor



The Princess of Wales at yesterday's briefing with Aileen Getty, who is HIV positive

# Aids specialists deny that disease is confined to gays

By Alan Hamilton

THE Princess of Wales was told yesterday that, contrary to recent suggestions, heterosexual infection is the fastest-growing way of contracting Aids and HIV in Britain.

The Princess, who is patron of the National Aids Trust, was attending a briefing on the disease in London, accompanied by Aileen Getty, 36, daughter of the billionaire arts patron J. Paul Getty. Ms Getty was diagnosed as being HIV positive after an affair while married to Chris Wilding, a son of Elizabeth Taylor.

Ms Getty was one of the first women to be diagnosed as HIV positive more than a decade ago. She was invited by the Princess to attend yesterday's briefing. The two women also met HIV sufferers at the clinic.

Their visit coincided with an announcement by Dr Mark Nelson, HIV consultant at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, that trials with the drug Neupogen,

which increases the body's white blood cell count, had proved promising in treating HIV.

The drug is designed to combat neutropenia, a failure of the immune system which leaves many sufferers vulnerable to serious opportunistic infection. Treatment with the drug reversed the sharp fall in the white blood cell count, reducing the risk of infection. "Hopefully, it will lead to improvements in both quality and quantity of life," Dr Nelson said.

Gay leaders have launched a campaign against suggestions that Aids is restricted to homosexuals. Last week Jamie Taylor, an Aids charity worker, told BBC Radio that homosexuals feared money to combat Aids would dry up if the affliction was seen as a predominantly gay disease.

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# Doctors retain ban on sex with patients

By Jeremy Laurance

DOCTORS who breach the rule forbidding sex with patients must continue to face the severest penalties, the British Medical Association decided yesterday.

After a week of speculation that one of the main pillars of the profession's ethical code was to be swept aside, the annual meeting of the BMA in Brighton voted overwhelmingly to preserve an absolute prohibition on sexual relationships between doctors and patients.

Doctors agreed that any weakening of the rule outlawing affairs with patients would undermine public trust and irreparably damage the profession. Under the existing ethical code, backed by the Hippocratic oath, doctors are forbidden to take advantage of the weak or vulnerable. Any doctor who becomes emotionally involved with a patient is required to remove the patient from the practice list before pursuing the relationship.

Dr Michael Crowe, a GP in Leicestershire, pleaded for more understanding of the social difficulties faced by rural doctors in meeting people who were not their patients. He cited the case of a doctor in Lincolnshire who was suspended from the medical register after having an affair with a married patient whose husband complained to the General Medical Council when the affair ended. The doctor's son, also a GP, later committed suicide.

"Half of that doctor's patients felt the suspension was too harsh. They were apparently prepared to forgive him for one error," Dr Crowe said.

He added that he was seeking a minor change in the penalties where there were exceptional circumstances and called for suspensions to be preceded by an official warning.

Dr Crowe's proposal was criticised by a series of speakers. Dr Sam Everington, a GP in east London, said: "It is not acceptable for male and female doctors to abuse the positions of power and influence they often hold over their patients."

# Suntan lotions 'may add to risk of cancer'

By Jeremy Laurance

SUNTAN lotions may increase the risk of skin cancer because they encourage people to lie in the sun longer, scientists say.

Although the lotions prevent sunburn they are less effective at preventing skin cancer. However, many people wrongly believe that as long as they avoid burning they will avoid getting cancer.

Dr Jane McGregor and Dr Antony Young, of St John's Institute of Dermatology at St Thomas's Hospital, central London, say in the *British Medical Journal* that users of sunscreens are being lulled into a false sense of security.

"A sunscreen's ability to prevent sunburn is designated by its sun protection factor ... which is widely perceived as how many times longer it takes to obtain a mild sunburn, the skin's early warning system. All protection is lost if sunscreens are used to prolong sun exposure to the maximum achievable by the sun protection factor so that, for example, sunburn develops over five hours instead of 30 minutes."

They argue that the marketing of sunscreens as a safe way to stay out longer in the sun may be misleading. There is evidence that this may increase the cancer risk for the same exposure dose.

Sun lotions work mainly by blocking ultraviolet B radiation, which is the chief cause of sunburn and skin cancer. There is increasing evidence that ultraviolet A radiation can also damage the skin and most lotions available in Britain now contain good ultraviolet A protection as well. Research into whether sun lotions protect against cancer have produced mixed results.

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Most voters believe Labour is ready for power

# Blair keeps public's trust despite poll ratings slip

By Peter Riddell

A MAJORITY of the public believes that Labour is ready to form the next government and Tony Blair is ready to be Prime Minister despite the latest drop in support for the party in a MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, suggests that although people are less hostile to the Government and to John Major they have not turned away from Labour and Mr Blair. Indeed, many supporters of other parties believe that Labour is ready for power. The poll also shows that support for Mr Blair is relatively lower in Labour strongholds such as Wales and Scotland, while he has a stronger appeal than his party in southern England.

Overall, 58 per cent agree that Labour is ready to form the next government, but this includes 30 per cent of Tory supporters and 52 per cent of Liberal Democrats. Moreover, the AB professional and managerial groups, where the Tories now have an 8-point

lead, agree that Labour is ready to form a government by a 13-point margin.

By contrast, just 32 per cent of the public believe that Labour is not ready to form the next government. The net balance of plus 26 points compares with plus 23 points when the question was last asked in January. The biggest shift in favour of Labour has occurred among those who have switched away from backing the Tories since the 1992 election and among skilled workers.

Similarly, there has been a rise since January in the net balance agreeing rather than disagreeing that Mr Blair is ready to be the next Prime Minister by plus 20 to plus 24 points. This view is even more strongly held by those who have switched to backing Labour since 1992 than among long-term Labour loyalists — a net balance of plus 78 points against plus 69. These "new" Labour switchers are by a two-to-one margin former Tories.

The poll also underlines how Mr Blair is liked more than Labour policies. While a third of the public like him and his policies, just one in eight dislike him but like his policies. He is less popular in Labour strongholds such as Wales and Scotland, where 38 and 33 per cent respectively dislike him, than in traditional areas of Tory strength such as southern England, where 32 per cent dislike him.

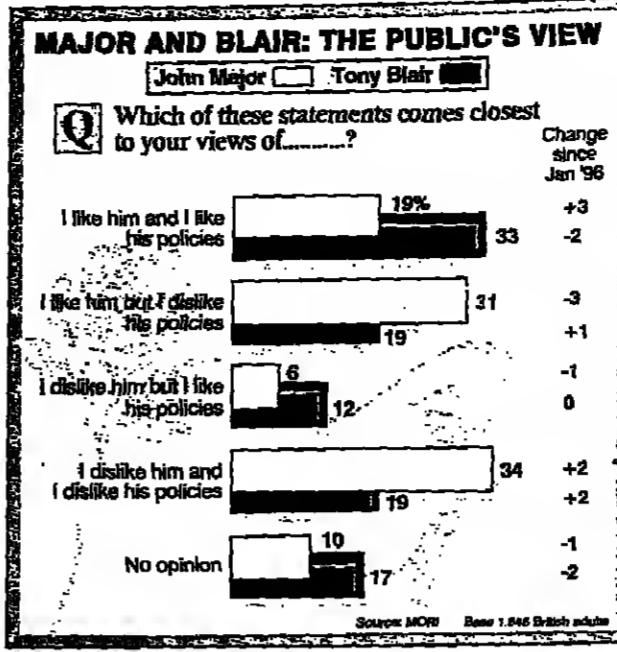
Mr Major is also more popular than his policies, but in both cases the ratings are lower than for Mr Blair. The gap between Mr Major's personal standing and the unpopularity of his policies is also much larger. Mr Major is liked rather than disliked by a margin of 10 points while his policies are disliked rather than liked by minus 40 points.

The poll shows how important the economy and Europe are to swing voters. The MORI economic optimism index, measuring those who believe that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get

worse, now stands at minus 3 points, down from minus 10 a month ago. The biggest shift was among those who have deserted the Tories since the last election, who have moved from minus 7 to plus 8 points, while among "new" Labour switchers the movement is from minus 14 to plus 4. By contrast, the index is plus 37 for Tory loyalists and minus 24 for Labour loyalists.

These switchers are more likely to mention Europe as among the most important issues facing Britain today than the public generally. An above average number of these switchers also regard education and health as important issues, and are more concerned about them than are even Labour loyalists.

□ MORI interviewed 1,846 adults at 144 ward sampling points between June 21 and 24. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or who refuse to name a party (3 per cent).



John Major and Tony Blair: both leaders are better liked than their parties' policies

# Maverick Tory sitting pretty after 'ugly' gibes backfire

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

THE maverick Tory MP Sir George Gardiner looks likely to win the bloody battle for his Reigate constituency because of a last-minute plea to his party not to oust him for being "born ugly".

Sir George, who is facing deselection at a meeting of local Tories tonight, wrote to his association after some of his constituents accused him of looking like "Dracula left out in the rain".

The effect of the "ugliness card" has been extraordinary and appears to have turned round the campaign. Party activists are now embarrassed that their gibes have gone too far. They feel sorry for Sir George, their MP for 22 years. His unusually humble letter said: "I am sorry about my physical appearance but I was just born ugly."

They also feel guilty about his wife, Helen, who is said to be deeply hurt by "snide" remarks that Sir George's appearance is more of a turn-off than his Euro-scepticism and hostility to John Major.

Critics have told journalists that what really annoys them about Sir George, 61, is that he is hopeless at small talk and looks like a bad-tempered bloodhound with a hangover. His decision to vote for John Redwood during the leadership campaign was just the last straw.

Even some of the 51 members who signed a letter urging people to vote against Sir George have now quietly swapped sides. Senior local officials are also horrified at the personal attacks. They are embarrassed that Reigate will appear snobbish.

Only three days ago, Sir George's supporters were saying that he was about to lose. A letter supporting him, signed by 113 Tory MPs including former Cabinet ministers and senior knights of the shires, had no effect. Conservative Central Office

has been working flat out to prevent his deselection because he has threatened to stand down and prompt a by-election, which would wipe out the Tory majority. Yesterday Central Office admitted that the "ugliness card" had been the only successful weapon. An aide said: "MPs are not supposed to be supermodels. You don't kick them out just because they are getting a few wrinkles."

Daniel Kee, a vice-chairman and supporter, said: "It's incredible how people are rallying around Sir George. They have realised that it is



Gardiner: apologetic for his appearance

ridiculous to judge an MP on film-star looks and upper-crust manners rather than his politics and his brain."

A few die-hard rebels are adamant that Sir George should go. Several have mentioned the good-looking Sebastian Coe as a possible replacement, but he denies that he is seeking to move from his marginal seat of Falmouth and Camborne.

But Sir George's champions say that as long as he gives an equally self-deprecating speech tonight and does not repeat his threat to resign he will win, "especially with the ladies", who make up a large part of the 1,000 eligible to vote.

# Major's only hope now is to play for time

When I told a Cabinet minister that the latest MORI poll in *The Times* showed Tory support at its highest level since April 1993, he shrugged, "only 21 points behind them". A Tory revival is under way, at last, but there is nothing in the latest poll really to worry Labour. The public has become less fed up with the Tories, but this does not mean it is disenchanted with Labour.

The headline figures need to be treated with caution. The contrast between the 29 per cent support for the Tories before England's victory over Spain in Euro 96 last Saturday and the 33 per cent rating in the two days afterwards suggests that there may have been a temporary burst of national optimism which benefitted the Tories. And there could, of course, be a dip now.

But more important is the apparent



shift in attitudes in the Tories' direction. Previously, sharp rises in Tory support, as in January last year or last August, have mainly reflected well-publicised internal Labour problems rather than a favourable view of the Government. The difference now is that the MORI economic optimism index has improved to its highest level since August 1994, and the Government's approval rating is at its best level since August 1992 — even though it is still heavily negative.

These shifts probably reflect lower interest rates, tax cuts and rising consumer spending and confidence. It is striking that the improvement in economic optimism has been twice the overall average among switchers,

both those who have deserted the Tories since 1992 and those now back Labour.

However, there is no real sign of any shift in attitudes against Labour. Mr Blair's personal rating remains high and since January there has been an appreciable rise in the number of switchers who believe he is ready to become Prime Minister. Moreover, four fifths of new Labour supporters say they like Mr Blair, which is more than among long-term Labour loyalists.

Even before the latest devolution rows, Mr Blair's support was relatively weakest in Labour strongholds in Wales and Scotland and noticeably firmer in marginal seats. The criticism of Mr Blair by Labour MPs has not so far affected his approval rating. But he faces one of the biggest tests of his leadership with the

publication next Thursday of the party's draft manifesto — which will give the Tories more scope to attack Labour.

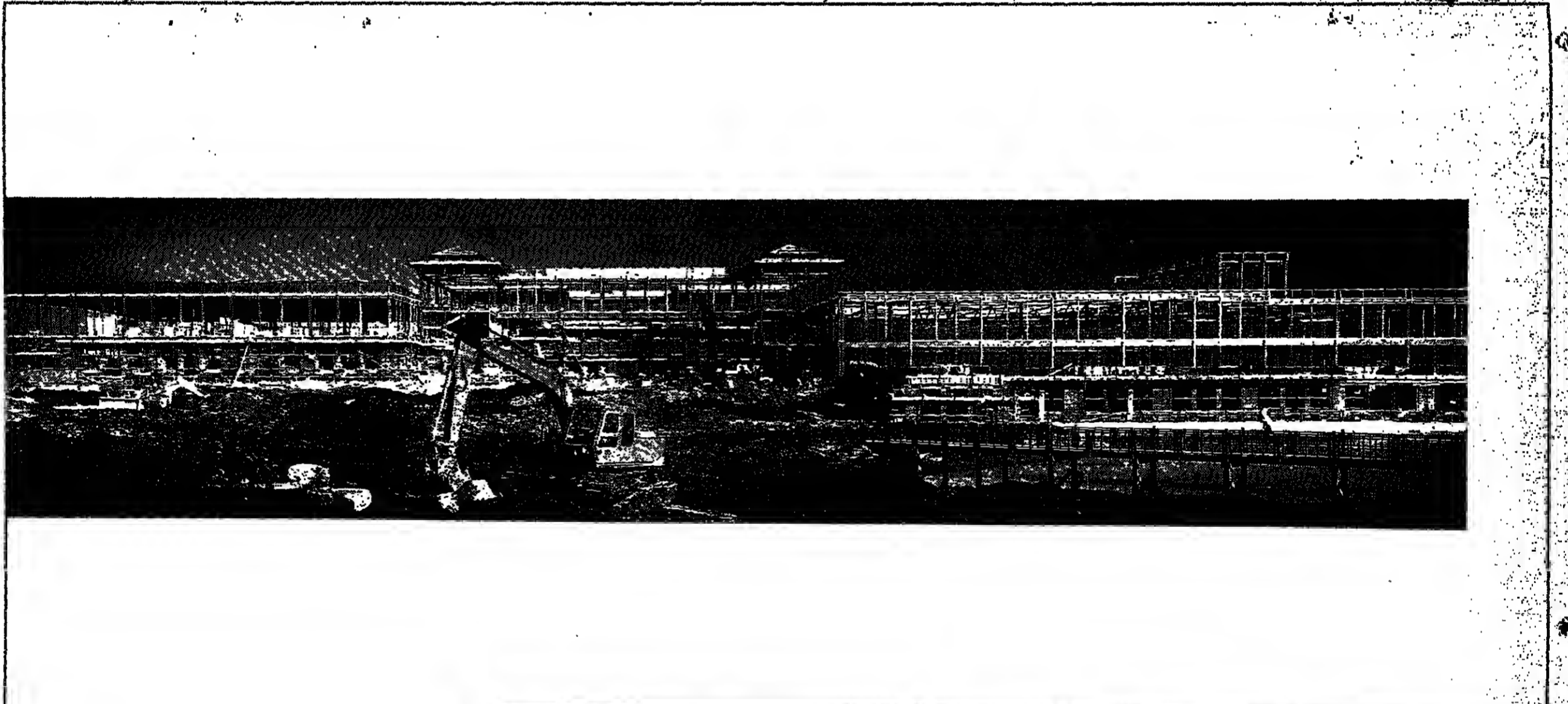
Despite the latest pick-up in Tory support, Labour's position is still much more favourable than at the same stage of the last two Parliaments. A year before the 1987 election, Labour had a six to eight-point lead over the Tories, its biggest of the whole parliament. In spring 1991, the Tories were ahead, while over the April 9 election, Labour only had a lead of six points at most in two months. Similarly, satisfaction with the Government was not nearly as low then as even the current improved level.

This suggests that the Tories' best, indeed only, tactic is to play for time — to hope that more months of rising living standards and criticism of

weaknesses in Labour policies will narrow the gap. That is the view of virtually all senior ministers to whom I speak. Not only did they regard the press talk of beef or Euro 96 elections as silly fantasies, but they do not now favour an autumn election.

Of course, an election may be forced by events outside the Government's control. And although ministers increasingly share Kenneth Clarke's caution about the scope for tax cuts in the November Budget, they still believe that Tory prospects can only improve next year. Labour strategists also expect the gap to close. Nothing has yet happened, however, to alter the general view that the Tories will lose whenever the election is held — but probably not by a landslide.

PETER RIDDELL



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□ Unravelling the mess at Wickes □ Carlsberg-Tetley deal still some way off □ National Express hits the buffers

# Fat cat that got the cream

□ WHO is the highest paid chairman in non-food retailing? The answer is not the head of one of the huge high street multiples but Henry Sweetbaum at Wickes, the DIY chain. Or at least it was until Wednesday night.

Mr Sweetbaum's departure, coinciding almost to the minute with a better-publicised exit at Wembley, came once his position had been made untenable by news that large chunks of Wickes' profits were illusory. Mr Sweetbaum took home £1.2 million last year, although his actual salary was a more modest £206,000.

The difference came from benefits and, to the tune of £890,000, from bonuses and an incentive scheme. Some of those payments, quite clearly, must relate to profits that did not actually exist or the share price performance as influenced by such profits.

The profits overstatement came from taking onto the books rebates or other incentives from suppliers too early. Just how this happened, no one can say. It has no effect on the company's cash or viability at the trading level, and there is no evidence Mr Sweetbaum knew of it. What it does is bring forward some of next year's profits into this year.

Unclear, at this stage, is how much of earlier years' profits

were affected in the same way — and how these same illusory profits were then reflected in Mr Sweetbaum's pay and that of the rest of the board. A hit squad from Price Waterhouse went into Wickes yesterday, and some clue should be available next week.

Mr Sweetbaum may owe his former employer some money. How easy the amount would be to assess, whether he could be persuaded to repay it, and whether it would be worth while pursuing is a matter for another day. One difficulty is that while the bonus element is clearly related to profits and can presumably be recalculated, the incentive scheme is linked to the share price.

But wait. Mr Sweetbaum is reserving his right to compensation for his departure. A sum of £1.25 million, it is whispered, might be due. This would have to be based on last year's pay, and it therefore follows as night follows day that it would be based on some of those profits that were not really there.

This looks like a defining moment in the whole remuneration debate. It is quite unaccept-

able that Mr Sweetbaum should receive a penny out of shareholders' funds until it is clear exactly how much he is entitled to. The finance director of Wickes, Stuart Stradling, who initially blew the whistle, has indicated, honourably, that he will resign once the whole mess is cleared up, and without compensation.

The remaining directors should refuse Mr Sweetbaum, who was chairman and chief executive, note, a penny until Price Waterhouse can say unequivocally how much he is owed or whether he owes the company. Then the negotiating should start in earnest.

## Probably one for the silly season

□ THE summer silly season is almost upon us, and the financial pages' equivalent of the Loch Ness monster or corn circles, spotting the deal that will settle the fate of the Allied Domecq-Carlsberg joint brewing venture, is abroad again.

When the beast was last loose, the focus of the convoluted plot



was Bass's attempts to ensure a purchase cleared the regulatory authorities. The fear was that Bass might be blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission as the purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley would leave the company with around 40 per cent of the total UK beer market.

Such worries now appear to have been exaggerated. The regulatory authorities look willing to accept the deal with a minimal amount of tweaking. Bass has offered to sell a couple of hundred pubs from its tied estate, mainly in some areas in the Midlands and the North, where it would have a virtual monopoly after the purchase. This is hardly onerous and would barely affect profits.

Bass's real problems lie with Carlsberg, the final member of the less than cosy trio. While Allied Domecq has been only too keen to sell its stake, its Danish partner remains reluctant. The company is heavily reliant on sales in the UK and would be loath to lose the link with tied pubs that the Carlsberg-Tetley venture was set up to provide.

Carlsberg would also feel aggrieved if it were forced out of the venture because under the original terms of the deal the company bore a large part of the investment in return for guarantees that its beers would be part sold to a tied market. The deal was structured this way because Allied was then committed to brewing.

There are a number of solutions. Carlsberg could take a 10 to 15 per cent stake in Bass, or simply in Bass's brewing operations, which would provide some kind of protection. Equally, the Danish brewer could negotiate a long-term licensing agreement, of the kind that Heineken currently holds with Whitbread, to ensure it receives the necessary guarantees. But none of these

solutions can be regarded as straightforward. The Carlsberg-Tetley story still has another few episodes to run.

## Derailment on the Midland Line

□ THERE were some angry commuters struggling to work in the capital yesterday, but few were quite as angry as the executives who run one of the most lucrative railways out of it. National Express was accusing the Department of Trade and Industry both of stitching the company up and of not warning them about it first.

Given the abrupt and unnecessary share price plunge, a warning beforehand might have placed unbearable temptation in the way of National Express directors to phone their stockbrokers. As to whether the DTT acted unfairly, the company was convinced it was edging towards a cosy little deal before yesterday's derailment, but that was not the case. That's business.

The financial damage to National Express of withdrawing

from a few coach routes, as required by the DTT, is minimal. The company says other operators may not come in to plug the gap, as the DTT expects, so requiring the grannies, and students who rely on its coaches to make a more expensive journey by rail — all paying their fares to National Express.

This is unlikely. A profitable route like that is going to attract takers. More to the point is the convenience to passengers in having the sort of regional rail and coach monopolies that are inevitably emerging out of rail privatisation, because of the scope for integrating timetables and fare structures. Such monopolies will inevitably require tough regulation, but this is a better option than tying their hands at the start and then allowing the free market to rule.

## Butte-y contest

□ STRANGE creature, Butte Mining. Known to insiders as "plucky little Butte", it ceased mining for anything years ago and is now an option money play on the vagaries of courts and lawyers. The trick for investors is to buy on the defeats and sell out as anticipation of a victory rises. The next twist looks like a reverse takeover, to allow the company some proper earnings to fund the court battles.

# BPB aims to recover lost margins

By CARL MORTISHED

BPB, the plasterboard manufacturer, is expecting a recovery in margins after a year in which rising waste paper prices and the bad weather kept the lid on profits growth.

Underlying profits at the building materials group were flat at £168 million, in spite of a 7.5 per cent rise in turnover to £1.43 billion as the company attempted to recover lost margin with price rises.

Jean-Pierre Cuny, BPB's chief executive, said that he hoped to be able to introduce another price rise in the autumn. "If volumes hold we are



Cuny: early price rise likely

going to restore margins," he said. BPB introduced a plasterboard price increase earlier than usual in an effort to claw back some of the margin lost because of the escalating price of waste paper, a raw material that is used in plasterboard.

However, lack of growth in volumes owing to the harsh winter, which delayed construction starts, led to price erosion.

Overall, plasterboard prices rose by between 2 and 3 per cent during the year with no improvement in the difficult German market, and the return on sales from building products declined from 12.9 per cent to 12.1 per cent.

Mr Cuny said that current volumes were up about 5 per cent on the previous year, although the outlook was uncertain. But he added that higher plasterboard demand in developing markets would supplement the recovery in housing activity in BPB's main markets. BPB is increasing the dividend by 8 per cent — to 9.7p — for the year, in spite of a 1.5p fall in earnings per share, to 20.5p.

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## Robert Fleming falls £40m

By ROBERT MILLER

ROBERT FLEMING, one of the City's largest private merchant banks, suffered a near-£40 million fall in annual profits to £133.5 million.

John Manser, group chief executive, said the drop was principally because of a £30 million decline in the contribution from Jardine Fleming and a £10 million exceptional item connected with the closure of the direct sales force at Save & Prosper, the group's retail unit trust arm.

Despite the fall, at least one of Fleming's senior executives earned in excess of £1 million in the year to March 31. The most highly rewarded are understood to include Bill Harrison, the former head of global investment banking who is to join BZW. His role has been divided between Bernard Taylor and Roddy Fleming.

Funds under management at Flemings, which raised its annual dividend to 22p a share against 20p last time, rose 28 per cent to a record £60 billion.

## Telekom tie-up hope for Energis

By ERIC REGULY

DEUTSCHE TELEKOM, the monopoly phone company that is to be privatised by the German Government in the autumn, has emerged as a possible partner for Energis, the telecommunications carrier owned by the National Grid.

The Grid has been looking for a strategic partner or equity investor for Energis for some time. Deutsche Telekom, which wants to develop a large telecoms business in Britain, is among the suitors. AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, is also thought to be interested. AT&T proposed a partnership with Energis two years ago, but some of the Grid's owners, the 12 regional electricity companies, rejected the offer.

Energis needs a partner or equity investor to reverse its fortunes. Revenues climbed almost ten-fold in the past financial year, to £42 million, but the company reported an operating loss of £73 million.

## KW 'breached rules'

By ROBERT MILLER

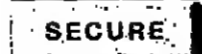
KNIGHT WILLIAMS, the retirement income specialist that is in liquidation, was yesterday accused of widespread breaches of City rules, including the mis-selling of its investments to elderly investors by a leading City law firm.

A report prepared by Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the law firm acting for free on behalf of investors of the KW Investors action group, alleged that KW consultants made promises that could not be fulfilled and

did not explain the nature of the investments they sold. Nor, says the report, did KW consultants ascertain investors' attitudes to risk. Dibb Lupton yesterday called on the Investors Compensation Scheme to declare KW "in default", which would trigger payouts to investors. A Treasury lender to a KW adviser this week, said Angela Knight, Treasury minister, was concerned about the time the case was taking to progress.



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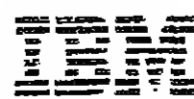
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Boots spends £300m to buy back 5.3% stake

BOOTS, the chemist, has splashed out almost £300 million of hard-earned cash buying back its own shares to enhance shareholder value.



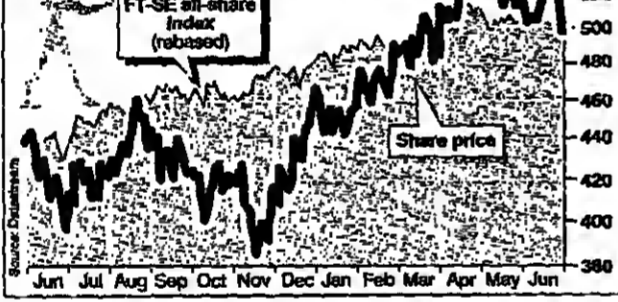
Boots dipped 1p as 102 million shares changed hands

The share buyback had been completed by the close of business, with a total of 101.8 million shares being changed hands.

Full-year figures from Asda, Britain's fourth largest supermarket chain, lived up to expectations, with pre-tax profits growing from £252 million to £304.6 million.

It was not just the tube and postal workers on strike yesterday: investors were also staging their own withdrawal of labour, leaving the equity market to fend for itself.

Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of around £450 million for the full year. They take the view that turnover



FT-SE 100 share price

may be up, but margins remain under pressure. News of a disposal, capital reconstruction and increased losses left Cardinal Business Group, the office equipment and parcel delivery specialist,

Cardinal is proposing selling its office products division to Alco Standard for £6.3 million. The deal needs shareholder approval.

First-time dealings in Whitbread of Chelsea, the tea and coffee merchant, got off to a flying start on the Alternative Investment Market following a placing of six million shares at 148p.

Prices ended lower on the day, reflecting similar falls among German bunds after the Bundesbank pegged the Reppo rate. The Bank of England also announced that two of the auctions during the next quarter will be pitched at the longer end.

MAJOR INDICES

Table listing major stock indices from New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Sydney, Frankfurt, Singapore, Brussels, Paris, Zurich, London, and others with their respective values and changes.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of companies such as Bloomburg, Carlisle, City Technology, Fibernet Group, and others.

MAJOR CHANGES

Table listing major changes in share prices for companies like BT, British Telecom, and others.

TEMPUS Asda's pick and mix

FANS of Archie Norman, the chief executive of Asda, believe that he walks on water. In another industry, his achievements—organic growth last year of 12.1 per cent and pre-tax profits up 24 per cent—would look highly respectable but not miraculous.

now is how much more can be delivered. At its core, Asda's strategy is hardly novel: sacrificing margin on core food products in order to generate volume and footfall through the generics. But permanent low prices carry a price and Asda must keep up the rate of expansion if profits growth is not to suffer.

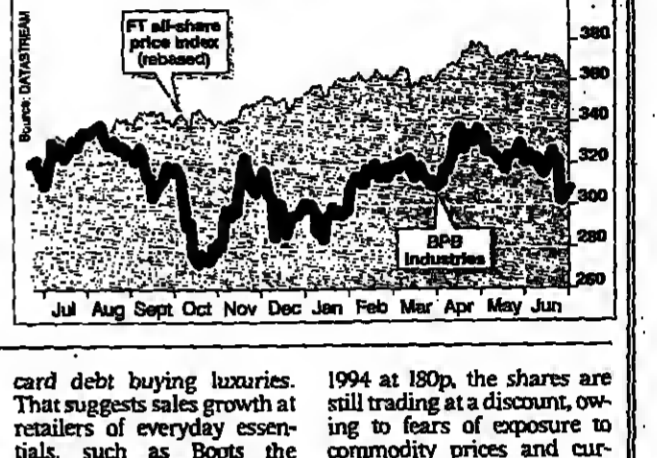
Asda clearly has its fans in the high street as well. Who needs loyalty cards when you can boost customer numbers 10 per cent annually? And there is the promise of more to come.

In the short to medium term, Asda can probably deliver and the company gets unexpected help from the stumbling efforts of some other food retailers. There is little doubt that the food retailing sector is approaching saturation and Asda correctly sees the future in making Asda distinct—hence the focus on clothes and OTC drugs.

BPB

BPB tells a very bullish story about its plasterboard business. The group was confident about current prospects, with trading at its building materials division up to budget.

THE PRICE OF THE BOARD



Boots

Boots yesterday thumbed its nose at a grudging share market, offering to buy back £300 million of stock. The exercise still leaves Boots with some £340 million in the kitty.

ED&F Man

THESE days, only the very brave or very foolish speak up in support of commodity brokers. For ED&F Man, however, the bartering has been going on for almost two years. Floated in September

Table listing LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE prices for various commodities like sugar, oil, and metals.

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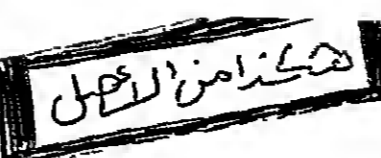
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tarry has no time to wait

EUROTUNNEL was apologising again yesterday, after a Eurostar train taking shareholders, City analysts and journalists to its annual meeting in Paris broke down.

Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State, and composer Jean Michel Jarre, were among the frustrated travellers on board the hapless train that "ran out of electricity", coming to an abrupt halt an hour outside the French capital.

Ticket-holders were kept waiting for two hours at the side of the track, until two TGVs were sent to their rescue.

Eventually, the press arrived about three hours late at the Eurotunnel meeting.

Chris Tarry, a passenger and Kleinwort Benson transport analyst, certainly didn't live up to his name. The dedicated Mr Tarry was last seen scrambling over a wire fence in an effort to hail a taxi for the last leg of his nightmare journey.

BRUNO SCHRODER has his eye on a £2,500 statue on display at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. But he tells me the bronze is out of his reach - it has already been sold. The Schroders director picked out the "moderately priced statue of an old man with a dog on his lap while rubbing shoulders with Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of London Electricity, Peter Ellwood, the deputy chief executive at Lloyds TSB, and Earl Limbrick, the chairman of De La Rue, at a reception this week to celebrate the 70th birthday of AT Kearney, the management consultant.



THE mainline train now arriving at platform one may be referred to the MMC

Victory muesli

THE landmark Hotel was mollycoddling the German football team yesterday. After being served complimentary champagne, courtesy of the hotel's German general manager, the team were served a celebratory breakfast fit for a, er, supermodel. Forty-eight chefs were woken at 4am to prepare a "special" muesli made with yoghurt, hazelnuts, and oatmeal. What's more, the menu was printed on yellow cards.

Ideal blow

JAMES WICKES, chief executive of Ideal Hardware, the computer products distributor, made an unusual apology to his institutional shareholders at a presentation in London yesterday. After indulging in some sumo wrestling at the weekend, the unusually named Johann Konrad Zeno Maria Julian Goess-Saurau, a non-executive director and co-founder of Ideal, couldn't make it. He was at home recovering from concussion.

ASDA is making the most of the ever decreasing Yorkshire water. The supermarket will soon be selling bottles of the precious commodity from Yorkshire Water's rival Pennine spring in Huddersfield. Priced at 38p for a two-litre bottle, the label will carry the warning: "While stocks last".

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Quasimodo celebrates being crowned 'king of fools' in a scene from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, the Disney studio's latest box-office success

Disney kingdom loses some of its once indelible magic

Richard Thomson on a rift running through an exalted Hollywood studio

Walt Disney, the world's biggest entertainment group, opened the door of the Magic Kingdom last weekend to let out another multi-million-dollar box-office hit. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, an animated version of the story by Victor Hugo, grossed more than \$20 million in its first three days. But its success disguises the fissures inside Disney and the question mark hanging over the future of Michael Ovitiz, the chief executive.

What worries observers most is the apparently widening rift between the company's two most powerful moguls: Michael Eisner, the chairman, and his friend (some say former friend), Ovitiz. The clouds have gathered above the chief executive with remarkable speed since his surprise appointment barely nine months ago. He has, say insiders, angered colleagues, made enemies of senior executives and failed to turn around ABC, Disney's expensive television acquisition. For his part, Ovitiz has been reported as saying that he "regrets" joining Disney. How long, ask the gossips, before Ovitiz is out?

This is an unexpected turn of affairs for Ovitiz, who as head of the CAA talent agency was dubbed the most powerful man in Hollywood. It was assumed when he took the job at Disney that he was swapping autonomy to be Eisner's right-hand man, on the understanding that he was also Disney's heir apparent. That succession looks highly questionable now.

A measure of Disney's problems is that its share price has sunk by a humiliating 14 per cent since March. A big reason for this was the sudden collapse in the ratings of ABC, which Disney bought for \$19 million in February. That month it came third of the leading broadcasting networks and

its profits slipped badly. Ovitiz is the man charged with turning this disaster around. But so far he has had little effect on ABC's ratings, although he has alienated several key executives by bringing outsiders into senior positions. Several of the appointments made good sense, but the way that they were carried out - often without giving warning to existing Disney executives whose jobs would be affected - has caused bitterness. This is typical of what some employees say is Ovitiz's autocratic style. He tries to run Disney the way he ran CAA, unaware that in such a big corporation he does not wield the same authority and that treading on the toes of powerful subordinates tends to weaken his own position.

For example, Joe Roth, head of the film studio division, is one of the more powerful heads of Disney's several fiefdoms that Ovitiz has upset recently. To mollify Roth, his powers were extended to cover TV as well, thus annoying executives in that area.



Michael Eisner, left, with Michael Ovitiz at the studios in Burbank

Meanwhile, all is not well with the films division either - yet another area of Ovitiz responsibility. Last week Roth announced that Disney would have to cut the films it produced from 40 to 20 a year, giving further evidence that the entertainment giant was having to radically rethink the way it works. The other frequently voiced criticism of Ovitiz is that he is a dealmaker with little patience for the bureaucratic style of a big corporation. He has his fingers in too many pies, doing too many things to be effective, say some Disney employees. For example, he is in charge of Disney's overseas operations, which he says he wants to boost from a third of the corporation's revenues to a half. One of his schemes is to open a theme park in China where he has travelled three times since taking up his new job. He is also responsible for Disney's budding interactive games division, its music division and is negotiating to buy a football team to play for Disney in Los Angeles.

If Ovitiz does not prove his worth to Disney soon, his reign at the company may be short lived. His appointment would then look like a serious embarrassment for Eisner, who passed over Jeffrey Katzenberg for the top job even though Katzenberg had masterminded much of the company's current success, particularly on the film and animation side. A disgruntled Katzenberg left to join Steven Spielberg and David Geffen to set up the new DreamWorks studio. He is also suing Disney for \$250 million.

If it happens, Ovitiz's departure would again leave open the question of succession to Eisner, whose health has been an issue since he needed heart surgery two years ago. It would also be a precipitous fall for Ovitiz, whose power once made Hollywood's film moguls tremble.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bus transport needs better standards, less regulation

From the Director Public Affairs, CPT  
Sir, No, for heaven's sake, not another level of bureaucracy, please. Do not yet another industry regulator (Pennington, June 19).  
Anyway, why does the bus industry need a regulator? If he is to control fares and service frequencies, then you are proposing re-regulation root and branch.  
And why the rail regulator? Because so many rail franchises are being awarded to bus groups? Buses and trains are not the same, you know.

British Gas prepared for MMC

From the Deputy Chairman, British Gas  
Sir, We were interested to read in your article ("TransCo controls delayed", June 26) that: "Ms Spottiswoode's apparent optimism (that an MMC reference could be avoided) could be borne of a... belief that British Gas is afraid of the MMC tabling more severe suggestions". If an MMC inquiry is necessary, then we are wholly confident in the case we would submit to that inquiry.  
We were, however, interested to read that "Ofgas yesterday said that the announcement would be made late next month as its economists needed extra time to consider the British Gas response". Ofgas's delay might be reviewed in the context of its latest reason (Utility Week, June 21) for not revealing for scrutiny the consultants' reports on which its proposals were based: "Ofgas says it is not making the information available because the gas giant would delay matters with line-by-line rebuttals".  
Ofgas's delay clearly creates time to check these reports and our request to review them still stands.  
Yours faithfully,  
PHILIP C. ROGERSON  
Deputy Chairman, British Gas, The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, WC2.

Body Shop position is disappointment

From Anne Simpson  
Sir, The Body Shop doh protest too much. Pirc does not "accuse". Rather we observe in our report to shareholders that the company does not comply with the Cadbury and Greenbury codes of best practice. We consider the company should come into line with best practice on corporate governance.  
Stuart Rose, the managing director, advises Pirc to check our facts. The facts are not in dispute. Cadbury states that three non-executive directors are the minimum acceptable

Low levels of interest rates are creating a new impoverished class

From Mr Stanley Lerner  
Sir, When interest rates were a punitive 17 per cent in the early 1990s businessmen would have gone down on their knees for more modest levels, say, 10 per cent.  
The Government has, over the past few years, reduced the rate to nearly half of that rate, and yet the "feel-good" factor is still not with the majority of the people. What will happen if the rate is reduced to zero, and there is still no major recovery?  
The constant reductions in interest rates are now creating a new class of impoverished people, namely those who were thrifty and saved so as

SFA tribunal 'has yet to hear' Barings case

From Mr Ronald A. Baker  
Sir, It has been reported in your newspaper (June 27) and others that I have been banned for three years from working in the City by the Securities and Futures Authority. This is not correct.  
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Yours faithfully,  
RONALD A. BAKER,  
66 Chancery Street, SW6.

Mystical coincidence

From Bruce Jackson  
Sir, Kenneth Clarke (Business, June 13) is shown smoking his cigar, the headline being "Clarke upbeat over economic prospects". In the books section of the same issue, Carl Jung is also shown smoking a cigar with the caption "Carl Jung: mystical voyager". Is it to draw any conclusion from this juxtaposition?  
Yours faithfully,  
BRUCE JACKSON,  
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Old-fashioned bank counts on new money

Jon Ashworth finds wealthy nerds are edging out the aristocrats at Coutts

Coutts & Co, banker to the Queen, bastion of frock-coated discretion, is embarking on a frightfully modern strategy. In a move that will set jewel-studded fingers trembling with horror, Coutts has decided to put the squeeze on its run-of-the-mill clients - those with only the odd thousand to spare - and focus on those with the occasional million. The wealthiest few are to be invited to combine all their services - tax advice, stockbroking, fund management - under one roof. Lack of ancestral home is no obstacle.

full details of each cheque. Now, ever so subtly, Coutts is concentrating its resources on the money that counts. Herchel Post, chief executive of Coutts & Co, insists that those customers who only require a cheque book and overdraft will be welcome to stay. But it is the big account holders who are likely to attract attention. A spokesman says: "The idea is to offer a full range of financial services in one place."

Banking competitors are more pointed. "This sounds like the 20-80 principle," says one: "20 per cent of clients are 'fat cats'; 80 per cent they want 'out', but are too gentlemanly to say so. There's an element of asking the rich to point the finger at the poor."

Most high street banks are experimenting with electronic techniques, spanning personal computers, telephones and the Internet. NatWest is conducting trials in interactive TV banking. Coutts says it is alert to such trends, but adds: "Some still want old-fashioned attention to duty."

They want 80 per cent out but are too gentlemanly to say so

Coutts, founded in 1692, and banker to the royal family since the reign of George III, is now owned by NatWest, but has largely retained its autonomy. From Monday, the bank's private banking operations will be reorganised into 30 teams, each headed by a client relationship manager (a bank manager to anyone else), and handling 75-100 clients each. About 170 jobs will be lost, mostly in the back office, to pay for the increased emphasis on front-of-house service. A further 100-170 jobs could go next year. For an institution renowned for its tact and discretion, this is a radical departure. Not since the saga of the headless ghost has anything like this swept the Coutts corridors. The spectre, reputed to be the Earl of Essex, beheaded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1601, caused a bit of stir three summers ago.

shake up its image before. In 1991, it wrote to clients: "We are giving great attention to reducing still further the number of customers looked after by each manager and team."

Two years ago, David Went, chief executive of Coutts Group, which embraces Coutts's worldwide operations, announced plans to take Coutts "upmarket" and make it "a proper private bank". Mr Went spoke of the need to focus on managing assets for wealthy individuals, as opposed to the more basic demands of retail banking. By the turn of the century, he speculated, customers might well require a minimum of £500,000 to qualify for Coutts's services.

Today's millionaire is increasingly likely to be an anorak-clad computer nerd or champagne-swilling pop star, and Coutts, in common with its banking rivals, can ill-afford to be choosy. Its traditionally aristocratic clientele is preoccupied with events in Lime Street and elsewhere. Even the Queen, the most famous of Coutts customers, has been reduced to coping with income tax, and other indignities.

Coutts may no longer write out its customer accounts in quill pen - the practice was abandoned more than 30 years ago - but vestiges of a bygone age remain. Staff continue to wear frock coats, and golden carp cruise the ornamental pond in the foyer of the bank's headquarters. Clients are treated to "narrative statements", providing

summoning clients for that glass of dry sherry. A few years ago the bank forwarded tax forms to a client, with the postscript: "I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know the date of Sebastian's birth, since it is quite likely the inspector will want to know this." The client replied that there was unlikely to be a problem as Sebastian was a basset-hound.

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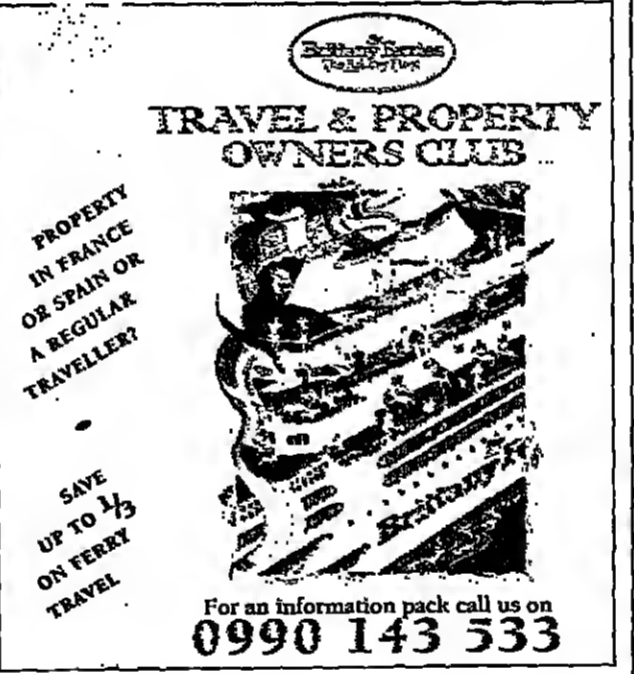
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THEATRE 1

Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* wears its years lightly in a fine new West End staging



THEATRE 2

...while, at the Barbican, Euripides wears his millennia well in a strong RSC staging



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THEATRE: The stars have aged, but Neil Simon's elderly comedy is still fresh; plus a bleak Greek

# Men behave badly well

One of his country's foremost critics has weirdly opined that if Neil Simon were to overcome his inhibitions and slosh kneedeep in the American middle-class tragedy, he might well go to the seafloor beneath that oiled walnut surface. Well, there isn't much sloshing or tragedy or Atlantic floor evident in *The Odd Couple*, and that is fine by me. Even the woman behind me who spent the evening laughing like a parakeet on LSD — these mixed metaphors and similes are catching — was not enough of a nuisance to prevent me enjoying a play that wears its 30 years lightly.

**The Odd Couple Haymarket**

Oiled walnut surface does not seem quite fair either. There is basically one idea in *The Odd Couple*, but it is solid enough to sustain a couple of diverting hours. A play you expect to be a jolly buddy-comedy rapidly turns into a parody of heterosexual married strife, with one buddy taking the role of the messy, sullen husband and the other that of the tidy, nagging wife. If you think of Walter Matthau behaving slobbily and Jack Lemmon priggishly, as they did in the film version, you will get the picture.

Here Jack Klugman is Oscar, whose wife has divorced him because he is chaotic and selfish, and Tony Randall is Felix, whose wife proposes to divorce him because he is neurotically fussy and interfering. That two such different men should be friends at all seems unlikely, and that Oscar should give house-room to Felix is even more so; but Simon does what he can to lessen our disbelief. Both belong to the same poker school, and the camaraderie of the game dictates that the one gives succour to the other, especially as the other parades his suicidal tendencies as flamboyantly as black feathers at a funeral.

Most of the comedy comes after Felix has rid the apartment of its flung-about laundry and thrown-around papers, and done his stuff with the vacuum cleaner and air-freshener. But it is what follows that makes Oscar's nerves, already frayed, definitely snap.

A supper party for the pretty English sisters living next door reduces Felix, who has volunteered to cook, to a flouncing, self-pitying, guilt-mongering male harrier. Oscar's erotic plans for Gwendolyn and Cecily, as Simon calls

the guests in clear tribute to Wilde, fall flat; but not before the incongruities of the situation have provoked plenty of laughter even among the non-parakeets in the audience.

Fiona Hendley and Sarah Payne twitter away Kensington-style, and Rodney Bewes, Henry McGee and others drop one-liners over the card-table in their best Manhattan mode. Both Randall and Klugman — who actually replaced Matthau as Oscar in the original Broadway production and, with Randall, was in *The Odd Couple* TV series — are too old for their roles, and Klugman has problems with his vocal cords that sometimes make him less comprehensible than he might be; but there is a lot right with their inter-pretations.

Klugman catches the deliberate boorishness of one kind of impossible husband, and Randall the obsessive brightness of a more hands-on and, he suggests, more manipulative example of the species. Either way, one suspects that the real heroes of the piece are two characters we never meet: the wives who had the good sense to throw them out.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



"A play you expect to be a jolly buddy-comedy rapidly turns into a parody of heterosexual married strife": Jack Klugman as Oscar the slob and Tony Randall as the pernickety Felix in *The Odd Couple*

# No excess baggage for brothers in arms

This late play by Euripides was first produced when Athens was besieged and the long war against Sparta had moved irreversibly in favour of the besiegers. Whether Euripides hoped to persuade his fellow

citizens to sue for peace is impossible to tell, but in his version of the feud between the sons of Oedipus he creates a darkly vivid picture of the consequences of fratricidal war. "Mounds of dead," says the First Messenger. "Pools of

blood," adds the Second. The brothers slay each other, their mother stabs herself; sister and sundry cousins are not long for this world. The end is as bleak as anything Euripides wrote because even the closing lines, thought to be

spurious, offer no hope for a better future, and those that precede them point to further disasters ahead. Possibly the Phoenician women, trapped inside the walls of Thebes, will escape being raped by conquering Argives but that is the best he will offer.

Katie Mitchell's strong and absorbing production from last year's Stratford is more audience-friendly in the basin-like Pit than on the level floor of the Other Place. Her setting is in her favourite colour — black — with candles glimmering in front of three Cycladic statues. Polyneices, the son who starts off with a just grievance, wears armour and a sword, but nobody else comes encumbered with any possessions at all. Everything is pared down, and the more impressive for that, though

**The Phoenician Women Barbican Pit**

the opposite effect occurs when an account of the calamities has to be told to blind Oedipus, to bring him up to date with events. A touch of the knife could slice off a few lines here, unless Mitchell can devise a way to stop us becoming aware that our seats feed hard.

The chorus utter their Phoenician ululations in unison but are otherwise presented as individuals, even to the point of being allotted names in the programme. Mitchell generally groups them in small clusters towards the rear but then breaks up the pattern, spreading them across the stage in the most realistic attitudes of alertness and concern.

Lorraine Ashbourne's anguished Jocasta, disturbingly scarred up and down both arms, welcomes Dermot

Kerrigan's Polyneices with so keen a passion, such a multitude of kisses, that the memory of this comforting love persists through the play as the desired alternative to all the harsh edicts and hatreds elsewhere expressed. Lucy Whythrow movingly shows Antigone's forced growth from innocence to grim-faced resolve and independence.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Bleak outlook: the unfortunate women of Thebes face grim predictions for their future in Katie Mitchell's spare production of Euripides's *The Phoenician Women*

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# The key to Arhus

WHILE the Nordic Music Season makes its discreet progress through mainland Britain, Orkney has witnessed something little short of an invasion. Hilary Finch writes. The Danish Navy arrived in Kirkwall harbour on an exercise just as the St Magnus Festival was beginning; a maverick Danish trombonist blasted his way into the cathedral; the Arhus Sinfonieta settled itself into the little grey town of the Norwegian eardrums; and an Icelandic rock band, Gammar, took over the festival club.

The trombonist brought with him an organist; together Neils-Ole Johanson and Ulrich Sprang-Hanssen form Embædmandsduoen, or the Civil Service Duo, and, while their appearance and manner certainly lives up to that promise, their music-making, thank goodness, does not. They regaled a sadate midday audience with pieces from all five Nordic countries. The most impressive was Icelandic Askell Masson's *Kadenza for solo trombone*, which exploited everything the instrument could possibly do, and more, in an audacious piece whose basis in Gregorian chant gave it a boldly expressive coherence. I also enjoyed another chant-based work, Norwegian Egil Hovland's complex and eclectic *Cantus V* for trombone and organ.

**ST MAGNUS FESTIVAL**

Meanwhile, as the midnight sun rose from the day's unremitting gloom, the lights in St Magnus's long sandstone nave were dimmed for a rare performance of Peter Maxwell Davies's *Tenebrae super Gesualdo*, the four meditations for ensemble, originally written for the Fires of London, and now played graphically by members of the Arhus Sinfonieta, complete with the original, alternating choral fragments of Gesualdo's *O vos omnes*. Even the composer had never heard a complete performance before — and was clearly impressed by the richly coloured voices of Orkney's Mayfield Singers, echoing from the west end of the nave.

The Sinfonieta, conducted by Soren Hansen, also brought with it Karl Aage Rasmussen's violin concerto, *Sinking through the Dream Mirror*, a true ensemble work, spangled with some beguiling formal and instrumental ideas, but overextended; and the Finnish composer Kajja Saariho's *Lichtbogen* for chamber orchestra and electronics, an eloquent aural transcription of her experience of the Northern Lights, and now something of a classic in contemporary Nordic writing.

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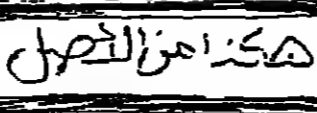
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# Talking about regeneration

The Who's singer Roger Daltrey tells Paul Sexton about reviving *Quadrophenia* in front of 150,000 people in Hyde Park tomorrow

Later tomorrow afternoon in Hyde Park, the Who and supporting cast — we are politely asked to use the collective "Pete Townshend and Friends" — will remake a moment of rock history. And an expected crowd of 150,000 will ponder if their performance of the band's 1973 album *Quadrophenia* can be anything but a footnote to the career of a rock 'n' roll colossus that will not quite die.

At the MasterCard Masters of Music Concert for the Prince's Trust, Townshend is reviving his complex musical depiction of Jimmy, the 1960s adolescent struggling for self-awareness in the mod playground of Brighton. The occasion will evoke nostalgia for the early days of the Who themselves, so closely is Jimmy's story interwoven with that of the band itself.

The event marks Townshend's first performance with John Entwistle and Roger Daltrey since the Who's twenty-fifth anniversary tour in 1989. And Daltrey is straining at the leash. "It's still magical music," he says during a break in rehearsals. "That's one thing that never ceases to amaze me about Who music. I love so many bands, but when you hear Who music, it's not like anything else."

Daltrey, who at 52 has the physique of a very fit man 15 years younger, is revelling in celebrating again a piece of Who heritage, even if the band name does not appear on the bill. "Course it's the bloody 'oo," he splutters. "John calls it Ted: Townshend, Entwistle, Daltrey, Pete's got a problem with the Who, and I haven't. I'm very proud of working for 25 years building up the name of one of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll bands."

This and subsequent *Quadrophenia* performances, including six shows at Madison Square Garden next month, afford the opportunity to make up for the Who's abortive

performances of the album in 1974. "We were dealing with technology which wasn't up to our ambitions," says Daltrey. "You had to put all the synthesizer tracks on to a tape machine and play to click tracks. For Keith Moon it was complete hell, because he wasn't that kind of drummer. Plus the piece does need a narrator if you're going to do it on stage." That role will be filled tomorrow by Phil Daniels, the star

of the 1979 film of the piece. The charity that will benefit from the London show provides motivation of its own. "The Prince's Trust is a fantastic charity," says Daltrey. "A young person who wants to be a hairdresser but can't afford to buy his scissors can go to the Prince's Trust and it'll teach him about putting a business plan forward. If he then earns enough, he pays back the trust. The number of people it's helped is unreal."

After seven years, Daltrey is returning to centre stage in the most public way. "I'm just going to enjoy it. It's hard, though, I sang this piece 25 years ago, and some of those top notes are high Cs, full voice. But I've never really cared about notes. I much prefer a bum note and a bead of sweat to something so cool that you're falling asleep."

His vexation that Townshend called time on the Who as a recording entity after 1982's poorly received *It's Hard* is still close to the surface. "It frustrated me to death

that Pete resigned when he did. Who music was probably the first really ballsy rock 'n' roll music with a writer with the courage and the ability to write through his life. For me, the problems of middle-age are far more interesting, and much more difficult, to write about, and I always felt that with Pete writing for the Who, we would have been the ultimate band addressing that part of our lives."

But he adds: "I was very reluctant to do this, it wasn't an easy decision. I would like the Who to go on, but I don't want it to be the same. If you asked me to go and play a Who's greatest-hits tour, like the 1989 tour, I would say no. We've got something better within us."

With the band's demise in the early 1980s, Daltrey developed his acting career and, reluctantly, his solo recording. His image as country squire and salmon-farm owner is now almost as familiar as that of the microphone-swinging, bubble-haired rock figurehead on the newly released video *Listening to You*, from the Who's performance at the 1970 Isle of Wight Festival. "I love living in the country," he says defiantly of his other life. "I don't use it as a dormitory, I live there. I'm very proud of it."

Proud, and grateful. "That's what's kept me sane," he says. "I could have really easily gone off the rails. I was at the Hard Rock in Las Vegas, and on the screen in the bar were all these people I knew when I was 23: Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Mama Cass, Jimi Hendrix... and I suddenly realised, these people are no longer alive, and I could have been one of them. Moon as well. I was just very lucky that I managed to get the balance correct. That's all life is, isn't it? Shame you don't understand it when you're 16."

● The video *Listening to You - Live At The Isle of Wight* is released by Warner Music Vision. The newly remixed *Quadrophenia* is released by Polydor



A quick one while they are all together: Roger Daltrey, now 52, has never really reconciled himself to the break-up of the Who — "It frustrated me to death that Pete resigned when he did"

**LIVE GIG**

## His aim still true

IT was a very laid-back Elvis Costello who waltzed onstage at the National Stadium in Dublin and picked up his acoustic guitar, kicking off a two-hour set with an unaccompanied *Just About Glad* from 1994's back-to-basics album, *Brutal Youth*. A few numbers passed before the Attractions came on midway through *Oliver's Army* and, from there on, the flashy keyboard work of Steve Nieve and the rock-solid rhythm section of Pete and Bruce Thomas provided the backbone to a performance that was duly satisfying, if not quite exceptional.

Elvis Costello  
Dublin

This was partly the fault of the somewhat dour venue and partly because of the distraction caused by the England-Germany football match, which was being screened in the "ringside bar", so it was not surprising Costello found it difficult to get into his stride. Of course by the time he begins his residency at London's Shepherd's Bush on July 5, this won't be an issue.

On this night we were treated to a generous selection of songs from his current album, *All This Useless Beauty*. Particular standouts included the title track, *The Other End of the Telescope*, and *Poor Fractured Atlas*. But it was not until the electric charge of *Pump It Up* that the subdued audience sprang to life. Costello leaped nimbly through his back pages, even transforming a new song, *Distorted Angel*, into a medley of *This Year's Model* and *I Don't Want To Go To Chelsea*. The sublime Alison closed the show, sending the Euro 96 buffs back to their videos well and truly contented.

NICK KELLY

Caitlin Moran sings the praises of a nation under the weirdest of grooves

## Today Wales, tomorrow ...

Until recently, parts of the music industry suffered from a disease known as "herding". It would occur whenever a band from "the provinces" (ie, anywhere outside the M25) suddenly rose to prominence. In 1988, for instance, the day after Manchester's Happy Mondays appeared on *Top of the Pops*, having broken into the Top 20, every flight and train seat up to Manchester had been booked up by A&R men. The words of their label bosses were still ringing in their ears: "Smithers, I want a Manchester band and I want one now. The kiddies go wild for them. Do not darken this door until you've got me four working-class lads who've been listening to Sly Stone."

And so Smithers and 50 of his peers trekked to Manchester, hung around clubs and pubs until they had found a band with a Manc accent, and dragged it back to London.

This happens so often it is starting to be seen as "normal" A&R behaviour. The locations change but the routine remains the same. Goldrush fever sets in, whether it be



Say it loud, they're Welsh and proud: Gorky's Zygotic Myncci are an invigorating sum of many influences

around Happy Mondays, Nirvana, Porrishead or Oasis, and suddenly the streets of Seattle, Bristol and Manchester are filled with desperate men trying to find the next cash cow.

This has no logic at all. When the people of Melton Mowbray came up with the pork pie, there wasn't a sudden deluge of bakers from around the country flooding Leicestershire, eagerly await-

ing the next progression in pastry and pig.

Of course, there's always an exception that proves the rule: and in this case the exception is a whole country. Wales has suddenly become a melting pot of assorted mad geniuses: 60ft Dolls, Gorky's Zygotic Myncci, Super Furry Animals, Catatonia and the well-established Manic Street Preachers are all starting to put Wales in

the old Rock'n'Roll Atlas of Britain.

The way a music-influenced kid in Wales consumes music is different from most other kids in Britain. Unless you live in Swansea or Cardiff, your access to music is limited and eclectic. The small, second-hand stores such as Cob in Porthmadog and Hag's in Lampeter have a range that's generally well outside the current mainstream — Krautrock nestles by C&W; Simple Minds' first four albums are always available for £3 each, and strange psychedelic bands from the 1960s clutter every section.

Very little of what's currently in the charts filters through. Therefore, the musical self-education that all music-obsessed kids go through between the ages of 13 and 19 is a radically different one, leading to bands that exist outside the Beatles/Stones/Floyd/Pistols/Smiths/R.E.M./Nirvana/Oasis blueprint most bands follow so faithfully. These tiny, strange record shops influence bands such as Gorky's Zygotic Myncci, who become a different band for each track on their albums, from gently strummed Syd Barrett stuff to mad zydeco.

Similarly, Super Furry Animals' *Hometown Unicorn*, their shiniest moment to date, wanders through Strawbs, XTC and Teardrop Explodes. Catatonia's skewed view of pop — make it loud, odd and melodic — has been gaining swaths of adoration, and 60ft Dolls seem set to become huge this year with their aggressive, off-kilter punk rock.

In the past few years people's tastes have become ever more eclectic. Artists as weird as Björk, Tricky and the Divine Comedy have become big-selling acts. There's a new hunger for different, radical, out-there pop which conventional rock'n'pop can't satisfy. The message from Wales seems to be: strike out for the uncharted waters — the pickings are richer there.

● Super Furry Animals' album *Fuzzy Logic* is released by Creation. The single *Amber Gambler*, by Gorky's Zygotic Myncci, is on Anks! The single, *Happy Shopper*, by 60ft Dolls, is released by Indolent on July 6

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# EDUCATION

As thousands await A-level results, Bruce Kemble and John O'Leary offer a list of unfilled degree courses

## The Times degree vacancies guide

A levels are all but over and the anxious wait begins for hundreds of thousands of university applicants. This two-page guide should provide many of them with the first good news in the process.

The courses listed here all have places available whatever the public examination results may bring. Using this information intelligently may make the difference between gaining a place on the degree course of your choice and deciding eventually not to go on to higher education.

No matter how confident you are of succeeding in achieving the grades expected of you, when the results are published on August 15, it would be wise to keep this list. The information it contains will provide a head start in the annual scramble for places.

If your envelope reveals that you have not achieved the grades you wanted, you can be first in the queue and on the phone as soon as university and college admissions offices open. But there are other categories of student who need this list, among them the many students who have failed to obtain any conditional offers of university places. These unfortunates can grab one of these vacancies by phoning an admissions office direct to secure a conditional place.

In addition, there are those who now know that they did badly in the examination and are certain they will not get the grades for which they were asked. They may well be wrong — candidates are prone to fear the

worst — but they should keep this list in case the nightmare becomes a reality.

Many thousands of students have not even applied to a university yet. They may have taken an A-level course not intending to see passes as a passport to a degree. But now, with this detailed list, they and others who left school long ago can think again.

At the last count, about a third of all those making degree-level courses were aged over 25 and therefore classified as mature students. Some, a brave adventurous few, were in their eighties. So even if you have never thought of going to university, consider it now. It could be the chance of a lifetime.

Details of these and other empty places in the main subject areas (with a summary of the vacancy situation last year) are published in *Degree Course Vacancies 1996*, edited by Brian Heap and obtainable from PO Box 24, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 9YH (£7.50, including postage).

During the summer, and in the last-minute scramble for places, however, lower offers may be expected, depending on the quality of the applicant, the subject and the number of vacancies that are available.

The Times will publish a comprehensive, daily listing of vacancies when the clearing process begins. The service will start on Monday August 19 and will last throughout the official clearing period.



Awaiting A-level results? Even if you have never thought of going to university, consider it now. It could be the chance of a lifetime

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CRICKET: ENGLAND COACH CONVINCES COUNTIES THAT LEADING PERFORMERS NEED BREAK FROM CHAMPIONSHIP TREADMILL

Lloyd secures week's rest for jaded Test players



BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT THE need to protect and preserve England cricketers within the punishing domestic schedule was at last recognised yesterday...

Cricket Board, followed the counties' rejection of a proposal by Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors...

Jack is not captaining the side and later in the season, he might be rested completely.

England's professional cricket circuit is so broad, so all-consuming, that this will be seen by some as a radical and divisive step...

It must, however, be handled sensitively and there is a case for saying that Hick and Atherton, in particular, would have been better advised to rest from their two scheduled limited-overs games...

McGrath consolidates for Yorkshire



WORCESTER (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 312 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

IT WAS not just the voluntary absence of Graeme Hick that identified the contrasting championship aspirations of the two counties at New Road yesterday...

At first glance, it may seem that they emerged with honour yesterday, their attack nobly led by Stuart Lampitt...

discernible shape they may not have a better chance. Winning the toss here gave them an immediate control over events...

Byas was deprived twice, at second slip and square leg, before Lampitt caught him in front with another ball keeping low and when Moxon drove at a wide one...

Yorkshire need a reviving victory. After an emphatic win over Warwickshire, they fell in a heap against Leicestershire at Bradford last week...



Bevan, linchpin of Yorkshire's batting, loses his off stump to Ellis, a newcomer to the Worcestershire attack

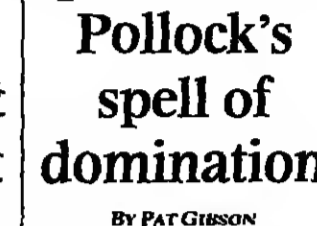
maiden England tour this winter seems highly likely. He did not hurry, nor was there any call for it...

A third half-century followed from Craig White, whose reaction, both arms raised aloft towards the dressing-room, was self-mocking...

Illingworth, who championed his international cause, was not here to see it—apparently, he was queuing for a haircut in Farsley.

Earlier, Ajay Jadeja was given the opportunity to state his case for the retention of his Test places for the close.

Fairbrother hands out familiar punishment to Somerset

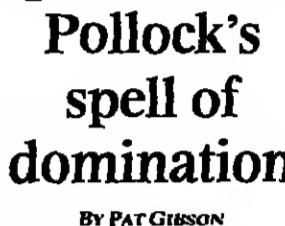


OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 373 for five wickets against Somerset

TO WATCH Neil Fairbrother and Stephen Titchard in partnership is to appreciate how disparate two century-makers can be. One is short, left-handed and can score his runs ar will through an uncluttered range of shot...

Barry, who had taken a wicket in his first over when he had Gallian caught behind, found that to bowl line and length was insufficient.

Middlesex pair break Pollock's spell of domination

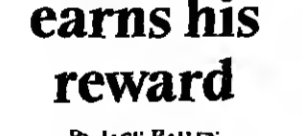


LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 311 for five wickets against Warwickshire

SHAUN POLLOCK, the brilliant young South African all-rounder, has taken everything in his considerable stride since bursting on to the international scene against England...

Pollock, coping easily with the slope like the quality cricketer he is, could not have bowled much better than he did in taking four for 30 in three short bursts...

Tenacious Thorpe earns his reward



SOUTHEND (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 345 for three wickets

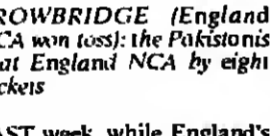
IT WAS a hard day's work for all concerned, but tenacity had its rewards. On a pitch which could be reasonably classified as a slow 'turner'...

If Surrey possessed more spin in their attack, you would be tempted to say that they have already laid the foundations for victory. This may still be the case, but the only specialist spinner in their team is Richard Pearson...

Meanwhile, it was the more mature, the grizzled veterans even, who held the stage yesterday. There was one who missed out: Alec Stewart had a stomach upset...

Thorpe and Hollnbeck shared in an unbroken stand of 139 in 65 overs. Thorpe hitting a six and eight fours in his first 100 runs.

Pakistanis make positive start



TROWBRIDGE (England NCA won toss): the Pakistanis beat England NCA by eight wickets

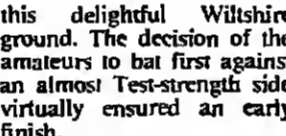
LAST week, while England's cricketers were locked in battle with India at Lord's and the rest of the country was gripped by Euro 96 fever, a second touring cricket team crept into the country...

The Pakistanis played their first match yesterday and the way they trounced England NCA — effectively a team of leading amateurs — suggests they mean business. Their stated aim is to play positively and they certainly did that.

The only regret was that a crowd of 2,000 should be denied the opportunity to watch a full day's play at Trowbridge.

the delightful Wiltshire ground. The decision of the amateurs to bat first against an almost Test-strength side virtually ensured an early finish.

Hirwani presses firm case for Test recall



FENNER'S (second day of three); The Indians, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 242 runs ahead of British Universities

ONCE the Indians opted to delay the declaration of their first innings by 70 minutes yesterday morning, the chances of a result in this match had diminished. However, with the British Universities losing Gupte to the first ball of their reply, and then collapsing meekly from 150 for four at tea to 217, that picture changed.

Hirwani is a potential match-winner, and, if the Trent Bridge wicket offers some assistance, he could pose England a serious threat if he is recalled for the third Test. Despite Hirwani's performance, Muhammad Azhar-uddin, somewhat surprisingly, preferred to rest his weary bowlers and resisted the temptation to ask the Universities to follow on.

Earlier, Ajay Jadeja was given the opportunity to state his case for the retention of his Test places for the close. He hooked and pulled as powerfully as Fairbrother, and there can be no higher praise.

Otherwise, in the absence of Atherton, Speak and Crawley, one rested and the other two injured, McKeown was given his debut. He was at Rossall School, which, it might be imagined, would nurture as many first-class cricketers as say, Tonbridge or Millfield.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Table containing cricket scoreboards for various matches including Essex v Surrey, Northamptonshire v Derbyshire, Worcestershire v Yorkshire, and others.

BRITANNIA ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Table showing scores for Durham v Gloucestershire and Lancashire v Somerset.

TOUR MATCHES

Table showing scores for British Universities v Indians and various international tour matches.

ENGLAND NCA

Table showing scores for England NCA matches.

PAKISTANS

Table showing scores for Pakistan matches.

ery of his abysmal Test record by surviving the good balls and punishing the bad with increasing accuracy. Pollock had already claimed Harrison leg-before in his six-over opening spell from the Nursery End when Ramprakash went in and he was to take three more important wickets in seven overs either side of lunch. Weekes, who had batted well for his 42, was caught at second slip. Gilling went the same way, both of them to good balls from the Pavilion End, and Carr was taken at first slip playing a shot that was totally out of character. The ailing champions, beaten in their last two matches and still without Reeve, Knight, Munton and Piper, sensed that their luck had changed, especially when Pooley, the last of the specialist batsmen, pushed forward to Paul Smith and gave Osdler his third catch. Ramprakash, however, was still there and beginning to bat as he did when he was scoring ten centuries last summer. His relief was evident when he raised both arms to celebrate his second hundred this season but after that he was unstoppable as he moved on to 164 in more than six hours of batting, which brought him a six over long-on off Neil Smith and 17 runs. What is more, he had found a reliable partner in the pugacious Brown, who had clumped 60 himself when bad light ended play more than seven overs early. By then they had put on 173 and given Middlesex a platform for victory.

FOOTBALL: VENABLES DESERVES PLAUDITS FOR RESTORING ENGLAND'S PLACE IN WORLD ORDER

# Wembley epic stirs memories of Turin

BOBBY ROBSON



on England's disappointment

They tell me that lightning doesn't strike twice but, at Wembley on Wednesday night, no one believed that. It was almost a replica of the World Cup semi-final six years ago in Turin when I was in charge of England. We played as well as the Germans on Wednesday, we were the better side in extra time and Darren Anderton hit the post, just as Chris Waddle had done in Italy.

I was sitting there in the stand thinking "this is it all over again". It was there in the compactness of both teams, the desperate attempts to open each other up in defence. But, just as they were in 1990, the Germans are still one of the best teams in the world and they have made a real art of hanging in there.

The match was a privilege to watch, a real game for the connoisseur. There was so much class and there was sportsmanship, too. Germans picked English players up off the floor at times and vice-versa. Only Möller spoilt it when he rejected Pearce's offer to help him up and he paid for his lack of graciousness with the yellow card that put him out of the final.

Most enthralling of all for me were the personal battles that were going on all over the pitch. I thought Babel was very impressive against Shearer and I loved the tussle between Gascoigne and Freund. For me, Sammer was the man of the match; he hit long and short passes and was always trying to play the ball forward into good positions.

Möller, in spasms, was brilliant, too, but he was up against Ince, who had a marvellous match. The marking and tackling of the German team, in general, was outstanding and they did great work in containing us.

I know I talked before the game about the necessity of taking any half-chances, but I really would not blame Anderton for his miss. It was an inch away, that's all. It made me think about Waddle's shot, how it looked to be going in right until the last moment when it seemed to hit a blade of grass and veer towards the post.

Gascoigne missed by inches, too, of course, with those two late runs in extra time and then there was Southgate. I read a few comments questioning why he had been allowed to take a penalty when

men like McManaman and Ince still had not taken them, but Terry Venables will have asked for volunteers and we should praise Southgate for taking it.

Terry should be praised, too. It is the end of his period in charge and he can be proud of what he has achieved. When I left the job after the 1990 World Cup, we were ranked fourth in the world. I think we slipped down to about 23, but on Wednesday we showed we are right back up there again.

During this tournament, he has got the team playing the football he wanted them to play. He had a vision and I think he reached that vision. I do not think the team could have played any better.

He went out in glory, too. He started with three at the back on Wednesday and that showed he is a thinking coach. There were not many coaches who would have done that. The majority would have started conservatively and then changed in mid-stream.

It is a shame he could not have carried on but he has obviously made up his mind. At least defeat against Germany has made it easier for Glenn Hoddle to take over. If we had won the tournament, he would have been in an unenviable position.

He will take over a team who have won back their prestige and their reputation. Terry never panicked. He got it right and England played their best football for a number of years. It was a pleasure to see it.



Venables consoles Southgate after his penalty miss condemned England to defeat

# Germany stagger on approach to final hurdle

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

EVEN Germany's renowned resilience may be tested to its most extreme limits when they play the Czech Republic in the final of Euro 96 at Wembley on Sunday. Injuries and bookings have gradually mounted since their opening match — a 2-0 win against the Czechs 19 days ago — and Germany's initial 22-strong squad could be reduced to only 11 fit outfield players.

Berti Vogts, the coach, is so concerned that he has already asked Oliver Reck and Oliver Kahn, the reserve goalkeepers, in which positions they would prefer to play if called on. It began as no more than a jovial, half-hearted inquiry but, by yesterday morning, it had become serious.

"We have suffered some heavy losses and the rules do not allow us to nominate any replacements," Vogts said. "We have a great medical team, we have good doctors, and we put our faith in them. Anything is possible, we must remain optimistic."

Germany lost Jürgen Kohler, the defender, with knee ligament damage, and Mario Basler, the midfielder, with ankle problems, early in the tournament. On returning home, they were soon joined by Fredi Bobic, the striker, who fractured a shoulder.

Jürgen Klinsmann has a torn calf muscle and Thomas Helmer, Steffen Freund and Christian Ziege sustained injuries in the victory over England on Wednesday. Andy Möller and Stefan Reuter received their second cautions of the tournament in that game and will be serving suspensions on Sunday.

Klinsmann, who did not play against England, is at least more hopeful of facing the Czech Republic. "The muscle is improving day by day and I feel I have a chance of playing," he said. "The doctor is pleased with the way it is responding to the treatment."

Mehmet Scholl, Klinsmann's team-mate at Bayern Munich, still believes Germany have the willpower and physical presence to win the championship. "We know the Czechs will be strong, they must be to have got this far," he said. "The last game, the final, is always special and I'm sure we can overcome all our problems."

Thomas Strunz, another Bayern player, spent yesterday relaxing at Wimbledon. Boris Becker provided him with tickets after visiting the team hotel to join in the German celebrations on Wednesday.

Strunz had words of consolation for England. "It was all very tense, very nervous, in the end," he said. "England are a great team and, perhaps, we were lucky winners in some respects. The sides were very close and it could easily have been so different."

## EURO 96 DAILY TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech celebrations have grown increasingly moderate the nearer to Wembley their victory has put them. After defeating France on penalties the team had dinner, went straight to bed and rose early, to travel from Preston to their new base in the St Albans Sopwell House Hotel, previously temporary home to the Dutch. Vladimir Smicer made a slight detour and flew to Prague yesterday evening in order to get married.

Smicer's wedding preparations have been subject to considerable press speculation, with concern among some commentators that his unwillingness to cancel the big day implied lack of confidence in the Czech camp. However, Smicer intends to return to St Albans tomorrow. If he is picked to play in the final it will be a notable achievement. Not only will he have missed vital training sessions and been preoccupied with matters other than football, he also suffered a bad head injury during the semi-final that needed four stitches.

Smicer, clearly an optimistic sort of fellow, claims he will be fully fit and ready to serve his country on Sunday. His bride, Pavlína Vzdvová, has high expectations, too. Her father was considered one of the best midfield players Czechoslovakia produced. Not surprisingly, Prague is still knee-high in celebrations. Football is the lead story on the news and everyone is smiling.

CAUTIONS: Nedved (3), Kuka (2), Belji (2), Suchoparek (2), Kadlec (2), Nemeš, Drušak, Smicer, Nemeš, Kubik, Latal  
DISMISSAL: Latal

### FINAL

Germany v Czech Republic  
Sunday  
Wembley, 7.0  
BBC1 and ITV

### GERMANY

After the unsavoury outbreak of anti-German sentiment in some sections of the English tabloid press earlier in the week, it was time for sweet revenge yesterday. "Yee! Yee!" crowed Express, the Cologne daily, on its front page: "Jaaaa!" screamed Bild, Germany's largest-selling newspaper, in similarly triumphant vein. Germany had at last exorcised the demons of 1966, when Geoff Hurst's controversial second goal helped England to beat West Germany and win the World Cup final. "Battle of Wembley — A Historic Victory", Bild told its readers.

Andy Möller's clinching penalty made sure that justice was seen to be done, too. Germany's leading sports writers felt that Stefan Kunz's disallowed header in extra time should have been deemed legal. "Just like 30 years ago," Bild ranted. "This time it was a German goal and the ball was in the net... but it didn't count. And that's a scandal!" Express, moving into overdrive, belatedly: "Just like 30 years ago, there was a whiff of a fix." It then reflected on the outcome: "But who cares?"

Objectivity, predictably, was difficult to find. After all, England had also played rather well. From the depths of its joyous heart, though, Express did finally manage to offer a crumb of comfort. "The Germans can rejoice and England has to grieve," it said. "Sorry Gazza, sorry England — you deserved to win, too."

CAUTIONS: Babel (2), Reuter (2), Möller (2), Häsel, Kuntz, Ziege, Bierhoff, Sammer, Klinsmann  
DISMISSAL: Strunz

REPORTS: Alyson Rudd and Russell Kempson

### HOW THE SEMI-FINALS FINISHED

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|--|--|
| Germany 1 England 1<br>(set; Germany win 6-5 on penalties)<br>Shearer (3) Kuntz (16)<br>(Wembley, attendance 75,862) | France 0 Czech Republic 0<br>(set; Czech Republic win 8-5 on penalties)<br>(Old Trafford, attendance 43,877) |
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### HOW THE QUARTER-FINALS FINISHED

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| England 0 Spain 0<br>(set; England win 4-2 on penalties)<br>(Wembley, att 75,440) | Germany 2 Croatia 1<br>Klinsmann (21 pen)<br>Sammer (58) Suiker (51)<br>(Old Trafford, att 43,412) | France 0 Holland 0<br>(set; France win 5-4 on penalties)<br>(Anfield, att 37,485) | Portugal 0 Czech Republic 1<br>Poborski (53)<br>(Villa Park, att 26,832) |
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### HOW THE GROUPS FINISHED

| England                   | France                 | Germany                 | Portugal               |
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| Switzerland 3 0 1 2 1 4 1 | Romania 3 0 0 3 1 4 0  | Russia 3 0 1 2 4 8 1    | Turkey 3 0 0 3 0 5 0   |

#### GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1  
Shearer (23) Tillymore (83 pen)  
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Holland 0 Scotland 0  
(Villa Park, attendance 34,383)

Switzerland 0 Holland 2  
Cruyff (65) Bergkamp (78)  
(Villa Park, attendance 36,800)

England 2 Scotland 0  
Shearer (53) Gascoigne (79)  
(Wembley, attendance 76,864)

Scotland 1 Switzerland 0  
McCrist (37)  
(Villa Park, attendance 39,000)

England 4 Holland 1  
Shearer (23 pen, 57) Sheringham (51, 62)  
Kuivert (78) (Wembley, attendance 76,798)

#### GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1  
Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (86 pen)  
(Elland Road, attendance 26,006)

Romania 0 France 1  
Dugary (24)  
(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)

Bulgaria 1 Romania 0  
Stoichkov (3)  
(St James' Park, attendance 19,107)

France 1 Spain 1  
Djorkaeff (49) Camarero (85)  
(Elland Road, attendance 35,626)

France 3 Bulgaria 1  
Blanc (20) Pernev (83og) Loko (50) Stoichkov (69)  
(St James' Park, attendance 26,976)

Romania 1 Spain 2  
Raducioiu (29) Manjani (11) Amor (33)  
(Elland Road, attendance 32,719)

#### GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0  
Ziege (25) Möller (31)  
(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Italy 2 Russia 1  
Casiraghi (5, 52) Tsymbalari (20)  
(Anfield, attendance 35,123)

Czech Republic 2 Italy 1  
Nedved (4) Sejbi (35) Chiesa (16)  
(Anfield, attendance 37,320)

Russia 0 Germany 3  
Sammer (58) Klinsmann (77, 90)  
(Old Trafford, attendance 50,780)

Italy 0 Germany 0  
(Old Trafford, attendance 53,740)

Russia 3 Czech Republic 3  
Mostovoi (49) Tetradsze (54) Beschastnykh (65)  
Suchoparek (6) Kuka (19) Smicer (88)  
(Anfield, attendance 21,128)

#### GROUP D

Denmark 1 Portugal 1  
B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)  
(Hillsborough, attendance 34,993)

Turkey 0 Croatia 1  
Vlaci (85)  
(City Ground, attendance 22,480)

Portugal 1 Turkey 0  
Couto (89)  
(City Ground, attendance 22,670)

Croatia 3 Denmark 0  
Suiker (53 pen, 90) Boban (81)  
(Hillsborough, attendance 33,671)

Croatia 0 Portugal 3  
Figo (4) João Pinto (33) Domingos (83)  
(City Ground, attendance 20,484)

Turkey 0 Denmark 3  
B Laudrup (50, 84) Nielsen (70)  
(Hillsborough, attendance 28,951)

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS

1960 USSR  
1964 Spain  
1968 Italy  
1972 West Germany  
1976 Czechoslovakia  
1980 West Germany  
1984 France  
1988 Holland  
1992 Denmark

#### RUNNERS-UP

1960 Yugoslavia  
1964 USSR  
1968 Yugoslavia  
1972 USSR  
1976 West Germany  
1980 Belgium  
1984 Spain  
1988 USSR  
1992 Germany

#### LATEST BETTING

1-3: Germany  
11-5: Czech Republic

#### LEADING SCORERS

5: A Shearer (England)  
3: J Klinsmann (Germany)  
B Laudrup (Denmark)  
H Stoichkov (Bulgaria)  
D Suiker (Croatia)  
2: P Casiraghi (Italy)  
M Sammer (Germany)  
E Sheringham (England)

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TENNIS

Congratulations Greg, you are now a true Brit

ALAS poor Greg. Last year, Rusedski zoomed into the national consciousness like a newly-discovered planet.

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

Court finding trouble. Rusedski came up against a kind of doggedly unglamorous opponent, who routinely blocks the way to the main courts and headlines and adulation.

What we got was a rather numbing, attritional match, with both men fractionally off their games, and it went to the man who was off it the least. This was Steven, who won 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.



Steven: four-set victory

most important shot in the game, the service, and he managed another 30 aces yesterday, while Steven hit a mere four. But Rusedski also served 12 double faults and crucially, three of them were in the third set tie-break, on which the match hinged.

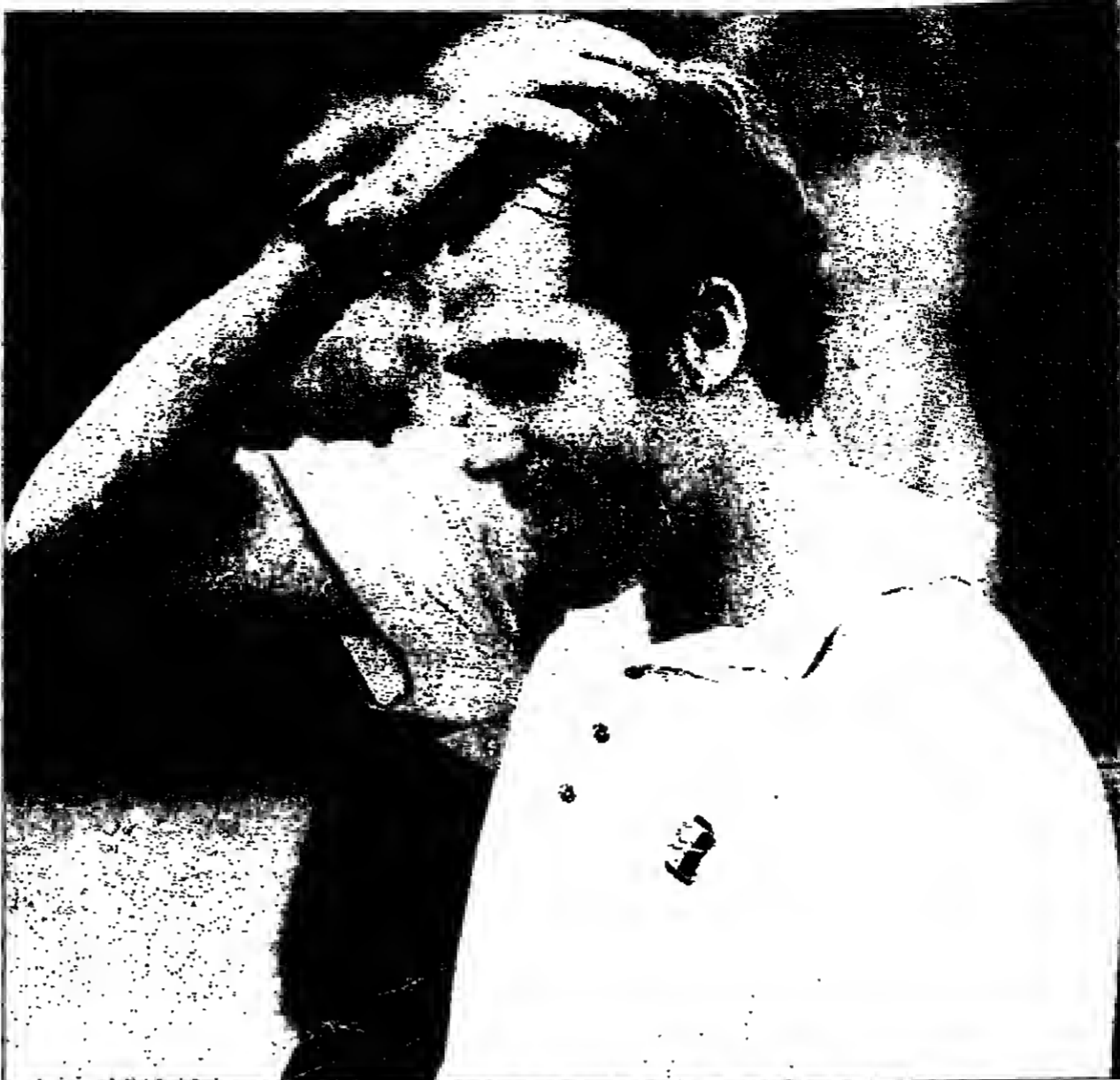
Tennis is one of those sports that make conflicting, not to say contradictory demands on its devotees. Golfers must putt as well as drive; biathletes must shoot as well as ski.

Yesterday, Rusedski had very little. Thought, such things were alien to him. The best thing that happened to him was a bad call: it was his sense of outrage at this that allowed him to pick himself up and take the second set. He showed great heart in a losing cause, you might say. This is a not altogether unfamiliar script.

Instead of the Union Jack, Rusedski wore a traditional British baseball cap, and was old-fashioned enough to wear the peak at the front. Afterwards, he talked about Gazza, and poor old Southgate: "I'm glad I don't have to do that."

He was very jolly and delighted about the "other" British players who have so completely stolen his thunder. Yes, it was a tough Wimbledon, but he reckoned he had six, maybe ten more years of pro-tennis in him.

In the end, there is a kind of selfish likability about him, despite the grin and the unfortunate episode of the Union Jack bandana. He threw sweatbands and caps to the crowd afterwards, a kind of abbreviated striptease, and they squeaked with Wimbledon predictability, but one can forgive him even this.



Rusedski manages a wry smile after his Wimbledon challenge came to a disappointing end on No 14 Court yesterday

Behind the scenes role suits Rafter

BY ALIX RAMSAY

FAME is a fickle thing. Two years ago, the cameras were lined up on No 1 Court to snap the latest hope of Australian tennis. Young Pat Rafter was about to break into the top 20 for the first time.

He was, so the massed ranks of Australians hoped, the man who would, single-handedly, return them to the great days of Laver and Rosewell. The crowd loved him, the girls adored him and all seemed well with the world.

He earned enough money to move to Bermuda — "it was either America, London, Bermuda or Monte Carlo, and I wanted to be somewhere warm" — buy himself a house and a boat and enjoy the good life. The only downside to life was the lack of decent surf in Bermuda. Rafter is, after all, an Australian, and Australia

lians are born to surf... but it was out to last.

This year Rafter is back at Wimbledon, quietly making his way into the third round by beating Gianluca Pozzi 6-1, 7-5, 6-4. Not that many people noticed. These days, the only Australian on the show courts is Mark Philippoussis: if you want to watch Rafter, you have to search for him. Yesterday he was out on No 11 Court — turn left at the gates and it is opposite the Portakabin by the sleeping ball people — but that is the way that Rafter likes it now.

His ranking has dropped back to 77, a long fight with a wrist injury keeping him away from the courts for some of last year, and a general disillusionment with tennis keeping him away from the limelight for much of this. At the age of 21, he was a superstar and had started to

believe his own publicity. By 22, he was expected to live up to his reputation and now, at 23, he has learnt his lesson.

"I played a lot of tennis in '94," he said. "Going out there knowing everyone wanted me to win and with all those expectations, I didn't enjoy it at all. I guess '94 went to my head a little bit. I'm definitely behind the scenes now and, with Mark being the focus of attention, it takes the pressure off me. It's good to go about my work quietly."

He was certainly the quieter of the two yesterday. Pozzi, 31, is a battle-hardened old pro. His mug-shot in the media guide makes him look like a gangland hood, but, in reality, he is softer than that and Rafter soon found his weaknesses. Pozzi's only response was a trade of colourful Italian, most of which is better left untranslated.

Rafter now meets Marc Rosset, the No 14 seed, and victory there would put him through to the fourth round for the first time. Not that he likes to look at records much. "I don't like to set myself goals, at least not ones that I'm going to talk about anyway," he said. "I am playing well and I don't want to lose; we'll just see what happens."

Like many a British player, he suffered from the national desperation to find a champion, and he has some sympathy with his fellow young hopefuls both in Great Britain and back home. "It's good that there is so much money spent in looking for young players," he said, "but the key is not to expect people to do well. Everything comes in cycles. The Aussies did well in the '50s and '60s, but in the '90s, we are struggling. We just have to be patient."

Kafelnikov maintains interest after dour struggle

BY ALIX RAMSAY

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV must love Wimbledon — he spends so much time at the place. After his lengthy match with Tim Henman on Tuesday, he was back at it again yesterday, spending 3½ hours trying to reach the second round of the men's doubles.

Teamed up with Marc Gollner, he finally did it, beating Bill Behrens and Matt Lucena 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-7, 11-9.

The rate of pay for doubles may be considerably less than for the singles — comparing the two performances, Kafelnikov's hourly rate had dropped by a good £1,100 from Tuesday — but it is the only chance he has of a title this year at Wimbledon. As such, it was worth the fight, and yesterday he had to fight. In the muggy heat out on No 16 Court, he looked less than cool in his long white shorts as Behrens and Lucena dug in for a scrap.

There was a bit of racket throwing, a little muttering and a fair amount of marching around in ever decreasing circles pondering the unfairness of it all. In between, there were the sort of rallies that had won Kafelnikov the French Open doubles title and all in all it was too much for the Americans.

Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, the No 1 seeds, from Australia, were having no such trouble. They got their campaign off to an impressive start, beating Dave Randall and Kent Kinners, another American pair. Apart from a minor hiccup in the fourth set, it was plain sailing for the Australians as they won 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 and set about planning their route to a fourth consecutive title at the championships. Like Kafelnikov, Lindsay Davenport gained some consolation from the doubles competition. Unceremoniously dumped out of the singles in the second round in straight sets by Larisa Neiland earlier, she was back on court with Mary Joe Fernandez a few hours later to exact some sort of revenge by beating Naoko Kijimuta and Yuko Yoshida, of Japan, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

THE SUNDAY TIMES



Can Karel Poborsky and the Czech Republic halt the German advance led by Matthias Sammer? The Sunday Times sports team prepares the ground. Plus, the most thorough analysis of the England team and its route to the World Cup

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Injury rules Rubín out of planning by King

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHANDA RUBIN, who has a wrist injury, will be unavailable for the United States when they play Japan in the semi-finals of the Fed Cup next month. It is an injury that also threatens her participation at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The United States captain, Billie Jean King, yesterday confirmed Rubín's withdrawal from the Fed Cup but said no decision had been made on her Olympic status.

Rubin was seeded No 7 at Wimbledon but withdrew because of tendinitis in her right wrist. She also missed the French Open and had to retire from the tournament last week in Eastbourne.

Rubin was named to the United States' Olympic tennis team with Monica Seles, Lindsay Davenport and Gigi Fernandez. If Rubin cannot play, her place will probably go to Mary Joe Fernandez.

Fernandez teamed up with Gigi Fernandez in 1992 to win the doubles gold medal and also picked up bronze in the singles. She was left out of the team this time because Rubin was ranked higher.

"It would be great to be on the team, but it also would be unfortunate for Chanda. She's had a great year," Mary Joe Fernandez said.

"I was disappointed not being on the team. Playing the '92 Olympics was the highlight of my career," she added. "It's unfortunate in one respect we have such a great country with such great players. Here I am ranked No 8 or nine in the world and I'm the last American. That's a bit rough."

Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, yesterday revealed the reason why he will, after all, defend his Olympic singles title next month. "Because I have to, otherwise they'll kill me," he said.

Rosset, the No 14 seed at Wimbledon, had previously indicated that he would not be going to Atlanta, but his gold was the only medal won by Switzerland at the 1992 Games in Barcelona.

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner: £392,500
Runner-up: £192,250
Holder: P Sampras (US)
Second round: P SAMPRAS (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, 6-4

Women's singles

Winner: £353,000
Runner-up: £176,500
Holder: S Graf (Ger)
Second round: S GRAF (Ger) bt N Baudano (It) 7-5, 6-3

Men's doubles
Winners: £160,810
Runners-up: £80,400
Holders: T A Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus)
First round: J Stoltenberg (Ger) and J Novak (Cz) 7-6, 6-6, 6-3

Women's doubles
Winners: £139,040
Runners-up: £69,520
Holder: J Novotna (Cz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp)
First round: P D Smylie (Aus) and L M Wild (US) bt K Kachwendt (Ger) and F Labat (Arg) 6-2, 6-1

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TENNIS: FLORIDA-BASED BRITON FINDS COMING HOME IS NOT TO HER LIKING

Viollet wilts under heat of onslaught by Hingis

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

It took Rachel Viollet all of 42 minutes yesterday to surrender to Martina Hingis...

ager in the past, most of them American and gawky...

It was a red-letter day for Viollet, a match against a seed on her first appearance at Wimbledon.

Viollet, playing a more vigorous game off-court than on, offered an alternative view...

Compared with her opponent Hingis is an old hand in these matters, having contested the four grand-slam competitions last year...

This is a totally new experience for me. I came over here really confident because I was playing pretty well...

Viollet's career has twice been interrupted by shoulder operations but, however unpromising the road before her



Hingis launches a forehand attack during her straight-sets win at Wimbledon yesterday

appears, she is determined to find out what the journey will bring. She will return to America as soon as possible...

my desire to play was greater. If her aptitude fails to match that desire she can fall back on the film production...

has turned many young heads in the past. Having her mother about and taking a private tutor wherever she goes...

Forest lure Saunders back from Turkey

DEAN SAUNDERS, the Wales football international, will join Nottingham Forest next week for £1.5 million from the Turkish club Galatasaray.

Evans plea Athletics: Paul Evans has withdrawn from the Olympic marathon and has asked the Great Britain selectors to name him for the 10,000 metres instead.

Wigan rebuff Rugby league: Wigan yesterday dismissed reports that Bath are close to signing Va'aiga Tuigamala and Henry Paul.

Peyron honour Sailing: Loick Peyron, the French skipper of the 60ft trimaran Fujicolor II, took line honours for the second year running in the Europe 1 Star single-handed transatlantic race.

Mansell cancels Motor racing: The former world Formula One champion, Nigel Mansell, has cancelled plans to make a comeback for the German-based Open team in the British round of the International Touring Car championship.

Echo of the past haunts Skelton

THE British showjumping team, which today attempts to regain the Aachen Nations Cup lost to Ireland last year, suffered a setback yesterday when Nick Skelton's Dollar Girl retired from the Pulsar Prize, the main event of the day...

Time for Christie to check he is on track

LINFORD CHRISTIE is either playing the dramatist or has not made up his mind yet whether to defend his Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta four weeks hence.



Viollet surrender

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On screen or off, Englishmen behaving sadly

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Robert decided not to show his family in the finished film. "Maybe I'm paranoid," he said, but it seemed sensible enough...

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

of a broader picture - even of his own domestic life - was the disturbing thing about his diary. Just like the SAS men following orders...

which cost a fortune in man-hours and surely solved nothing at all. This selective blindness was disturbing and it was hardly helped by those intense, late-night, straight-to-camera confessions...

Excuse the unusual downheartedness. It has been a very long week. On Wednesday night I aged ten years. And it doesn't help that the telly inadvertently rubs it in.

Against all this, it was nice to see Denis Healey in The Travel Show (BBC2) promoting the attractions of the South Downs...

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- 6.00am The Learning Zone: Open University: Control in Reproduction
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7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (I) (1861848)...

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Future Fantastic
BBC1, 7.30pm
It is easy to dismiss robots that have minds of their own...

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (41751)
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The Blackadder series began uncertainly (as long ago as 1983) but became steadily funnier and more assured...

Is It Legal?
ITV, 8.30pm (not LW7)
Simon Nye's sitcom has been one of the brighter things on the comedy front in recent years and a new series is planned for the autumn...

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David Gell as Dean Collins (9.00pm)
A photograph of David Gell in a suit, looking thoughtful.

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- SKY MOVIES
7.00am Tom Sawyer (1974)
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7.00am The Untouchables (1960)...



Ryan O'Neal is questioned by Bruce Dern (Sky Movies Gold, 6pm)

## Venables leaves the impossible job well done



Venables optimistic

**FOLLOWING** the first rule of show business, like the shrewd old star he is, Terry Venables left the crowd calling for more when the curtain fell on his 2½-year run as England football coach. Venables' contract runs out on Sunday, the day on which England should have won the European championship. But defeat by Germany, those traditional wreckers of dreams, brought the bout of reflection, assessment and, yes, a very un-English touch of self-congratulation forward a few days. There was even a trademark wiggle of the eyebrows, just for old time's sake. "I shan't be far away," he said. "Only in Kensington." But probably not for long. Though Venables intimated that life after Euro 96 had not existed until the last sorrow had been drowned late into Wed-

nesday night, the telephone will not go quiet on one of Europe's most respected coaches. The shame of it all is that the callers will probably speak in foreign accents, not in the measured English of an official of the Football Association. Venables said it would be "extremely doubtful" if he would work for the FA again, which seemed to rule him out of the vacancy for technical director. Venables' timing is impeccable. Not only has he taught an England team to think on its feet, an achievement beyond most of his predecessors, he has managed to depart the "impossible job", as Graham Taylor described it, smelling of roses. Not even Sir Alf Ramsey managed that. Venables has moulded a team of young talent and experienced professionals, capable of matching the best the Continent can offer not just with

the standard English virtues of heart and sinew but on their own terms, in the mind. It will be a long time before the Dutch, traditional inhabitants of a different footballing planet, lose the bruises from their fall to earth. "The players have become men for all seasons," Venables said. "If Southgate the brave ..... 1  
End of the affair ..... 18  
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there is a battle, they can handle it, but they have proved they can be intelligent, move opponents out of position and make chances at the highest level. The victory over Holland was particularly satisfying. It was a battle of wits and the style in which we won it was great.

"One of the most satisfying things has been the openness of minds, which is terrific for players used to doing things their own way. Going to a tournament and carrying through a plan, that gave me a tremendous feeling." Wit, intelligence, open-mindedness. These are new words in the English footballing vocabulary. Yet to see an England side sing a rhapsody in indigo blue, provide a two-hour exhibition of neat inter-passing, patience and change of pace, albeit unfulfilled on the night, was reward enough after the nation's clubs fell from Europe last season like conkers in autumn. The buck must now be passed to Glenn Hoddle and the managers in the FA Carling Premiership. Will they — and supporters paying £30 for a seat — tolerate the sort of patient move which once brought Sheringham from a position deep

into German territory on the right all the way back to Adams, 30 yards from the England goal, and then into a forward dart which led to a header narrowly wide by Shearer? Or have the confidence to sanction the sort of fluidity that allows a player to drop out of the mainstream in order to find space, as Cantona does so adeptly for Manchester United and Gascoigne is learning to do for England? "There has been a lot said about whether our players are good enough," Venables said. "It's the dilemma of the Premier League and international football. If we can solve it, it will be a great step forward. We have to get continuity." Young lions such as McManaman, Anderson, Barry and the Neville brothers now have a responsibility to play chess as well as draughts back at their clubs.

The players dispersed to the sun and the beaches yesterday for a well-earned rest. Venables said his goodbyes in the morning. "It was a very strange feeling, not sad, not good, just different. We've been together all this time, been so close, then everyone goes their separate ways. The spirit has got stronger and stronger, just like the crowd's. "We've left a basis of confidence and, if that continues, we can be very optimistic about the future. I've loved every minute of the job. It's been terrific, but I don't feel that bad about leaving it." What Venables' future holds outside football is more questionable. The courtroom will replace the boardroom as his natural habitat for the next year as he tries to restore a reputation which, in footballing terms, will be irrevocably linked to 12 days of bliss in the summer of 1996.

## Wimbledon champion gains revenge on Centre Court for defeat by Philippoussis

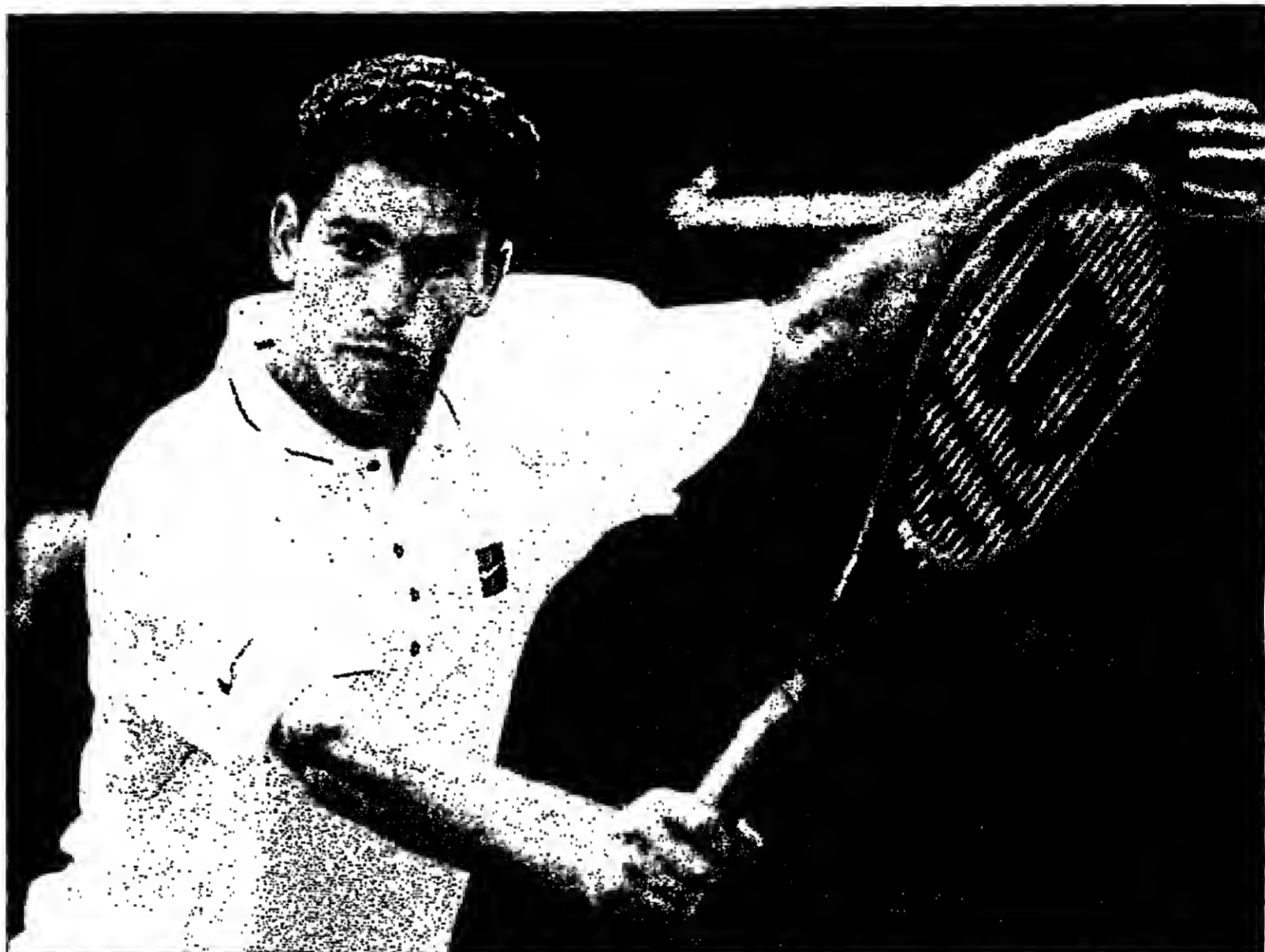
### Sampras calls shots in duel of the big guns

By DAVID MILLER

**MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS** has an intimidating physique, a cross between an Olympic sprinter and a shot putter; 6ft 4in and 14½st of power. He fires bullets across the tennis net. Yesterday he was abruptly stopped in his tracks on Centre Court by Pete Sampras. The Wimbledon singles champion gained emphatic revenge for the straight-sets defeat that Philippoussis, the 19-year-old Greek-Australian, had inflicted upon him in this year's Australian Open. Philippoussis was bursting gaskets and getting nowhere. Sampras won their third round encounter 7-6, 6-4, 6-4, with never a flicker of doubt, and left the youngster groping for words afterwards as well as shots on court. Goran Ivanisevic, the fourth seed, was also upholding the frayed reputation of the seeding committee, thumping his left-handed way past Pierre

Bouteyre, of France, and then treating the interview room to his usual range of laconic humour: this time about the Catholic priest, Father Joe, who is giving him psychological advice every Sunday back home in Croatia "and helping me to keep calm". Philippoussis, who tends to change coach speculatively in pursuit of his ambition to break into the world's top 20, needs advice not on serving but return of service. In a match that threatened to reduce the spectator's pulse

to a standstill, the best he achieved against Sampras's own relentless delivery on any game was 30-15. The score progressed with as much variation as one of those fair-ground machines on which you hammer a plate to raise a ball vertically in an attempt to ring a bell. The only music was coming from Sampras. The half-dozen break points were all his. Philippoussis has the armoury to become formidable but needs to broaden his touch. Searching in the aftermath of defeat for reassurance, all he could find was the satisfaction he had felt when he saved a set point in the first set at 6-5 before surrendering the tie-break. "When I'm nervous, my feet don't work," he admitted, and there were times yesterday when his feet must have felt a long way away. He conceded that Sampras had seemed more determined than in their encounter at Flinders Park, and said it was strange that he had been more nervous at Wimbledon than in front of his own Melbourne crowd. "His second set was often great, and I missed a lot," Philippoussis said. Sampras, for the first time in weeks, looked fresh and bright-eyed, a different man from the one who laboured in the heat of Paris at last month's French Open. A quick victory, instead of lengthy labour, was just what he needed in his pursuit of a fourth consecutive title. He smiled at talk of their mutual Greek heritage: "I guess we look pretty similar, with thick eyebrows," Sampras said. On the grass on which he is the supreme player, Sampras was in his element. "Mark was phenomenal in Australia, but this was very different," he reflected. "Today, I played the big points a little bit better, returned a little bit better. There wasn't that much difference in strategy. Physically, I



Sampras is a study in concentration as he plays a backhand return on his way to a victory over Philippoussis at Wimbledon yesterday

feel fine, though I was glad of the short points." The champion remains untroubled about his public image, the accusation by some that his efficiency is boring. "You're not going to see any cartwheels out there, any jokes," he said. "I'm just going to go out and play." Asked about suggestions that the All England Club might at some stage change from a grass surface, Sampras said that it would be "the biggest mistake for the game and the club that they could possibly make." Steffi Graf, the women's top seed and champion, snarled for a while against Nathalie Baudone, of Italy, before winning 7-5, 6-3. There were times during the second set when she appeared to be limping, though she was reluctant to discuss this. "I've been having

enough injuries and I've talked about them more than enough," she said dismissively. "I live with them." She considered that early on she had been playing too deep, that this had suited Baudone and that she should have tested her with more drop shots. She reflected that the visibility towards the end of a grey afternoon was such that "if it had been cricket, they would have called tea time, it was really dark out there and I was just hoping that I would get the match through." Graf's likely opponent in the last 16 — her next match but

one — is Martina Hingis, the 15-year-old Swiss prodigy, who yesterday disposed of Rachel Viollot for the loss of only two games. Viollot had just become the British No 1 by virtue of her first-round victory over her compatriot Megan Miller, the pair resident in Florida. Hingis, the former Wimbledon junior champion, was hammered by Graf in the opening round last year on her first senior appearance but will carry some optimism in the light of her victory over Graf in the Italian Open this year. Strange scheduling lound Mary Pierce, the No 13 seed, on a non-show court against Claire Taylor, of Britain. Pierce won in straight sets but the four games she dropped in the first set suggest that the combination of mind and game is not yet fully in tune.

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1 Care of hands (8)  
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5 Holiday salesman (6,5)  
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7 Channel Island, has hereditary ruler (4)  
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18 Soot (5)  
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## Henman confirms growing potential

By DAVID MILLER

**TIM HENMAN** yesterday put behind him the outstanding match of the Wimbledon championships so far — Tuesday's first-round defeat of Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the fifth seed — and demonstrated he can serve better still. The impression grows, excitingly, that Britain has a player on the verge of a major breakthrough. Losing the second set tie-break in his second-round match against Danny Sapsford, which had stood at 6-1 and 5-5 when it was halted on the previous evening, Henman obliterated his 27-year-old fellow Briton for the loss of only one further game, winning 6-1, 6-7, 6-0, 6-1. Sapsford found his rival's serving, on No 1 Court, was irresistible. Today Henman meets another compatriot, the 19-year-old Luke Milligan from Barnet, for the right to challenge either Magnus

Gustafsson, of Sweden, or Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, the eleventh seed, for a place in the last eight. Henman contemplates the prospect calmly though he and David Felgate, his coach, are disappointed that the tournament schedule has forced him to play on four consecutive days, possibly five, if he has to play doubles tomorrow. "I'm not unhappy," Henman said in his understated way, "but maybe it's something they should look at. Some have not played between Monday and Thursday, while I seem to be spending all my time on court." In theory, he should have no difficulty against Milligan. He has never previously met either Ferreira, the man who has single-handedly restored South African prestige, or Gustafsson. "They could have given him Wednesday off (instead of a

late call on No 1 Court] and scheduled him Thursday and Saturday," Felgate said, "but it's not going to make any difference to him." Thrilled by his pupil's performance against Kafelnikov, his first victory over an opponent ranked in the world's top ten, Felgate was as delighted yesterday by the service power. "It's the belief that he can hit it that hard," Felgate said. "We had a training session in February, in which he hit as hard as he could on every serve. It's not a matter of strength, but applying the strength. If you don't do that at this level, you don't win." Henman said he was pleased the way his service was shaping, but stressed he is not yet approaching the power of Ivanisevic, Sampras and the rest of the big-hitters. He was cautious about today's match. "We know each other's game," he said, "and to come through two five-setters, Luke's obviously playing very well."



Henman stretches to return a forehand against Sapsford

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# Bonn and Prague set to heal rift at Wembley summit

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A DIPLOMATIC breakthrough in the simmering row between Germany and the Czech Republic may be achieved on or behind the Wembley terraces when Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Václav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister, meet at the weekend to watch the Euro 96 final.

Relations between Prague and Bonn have been frosty for months and there is said to be strong personal animosity between Mr Klaus and the Chancellor. Germany has come to terms with all of its neighbours over the Second World War, apart from the Czech Republic.

Now it seems that the Germans and Czechs may be ready to bridge their differences at an informal Wembley summit. "After weeks of newspaper rhetoric about soccer wars, it would be very satisfactory to iron out a dispute in a meeting in a soccer stadium," a diplomat said in Bonn.

Whether ordinary Czechs will view it in the same light remains to be seen. "It will be revenge for the Sudetens," a Czech fan interviewed by German television said.

The critical issue is the historical treatment of a 2.5 million Sudetens, ethnic

Germans, who were expelled from Czechoslovakia in 1945-46. Czechs felt, and many still feel, that the Sudetens betrayed their country by welcoming Hitler's invasion in 1938. The Sudetens were often brutally treated, pushed into cattle trucks or forced to trek on foot with only a suitcase of belongings. The Czechs argue that these sufferings were a trifle compared to the Nazi occupation.

The lobby representing the Sudetens and their relations carries considerable political clout in Bavaria, where most of them settled. Since the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) is one of the government coalition partners, that has made for a prickly relationship with Prague.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister and leader of the CSU, recently addressed Sudeten exiles and questioned Prague's European credentials. Mr Klaus struck back: "I am not prepared or willing to hear statements like these from such important representatives of the federal German Government."

The Bonn Government wants a public apology from the Czechs for their treatment of the Sudetens. But the

Czechs are worried that an apology will translate into claims for compensation and the restitution of property. President Havel has said it was wrong to hold all Sudeten Germans collectively guilty, but that is as far as Prague has been ready to go towards the German position.

However, the auguries are good for the soccer summit. Mr Klaus and Herr Kohl talked on the fringes of the Florence summit this month and for the first time seemed to accept that a joint Czech-German declaration should be completed as soon as possible.

The men have not quite overcome their mutual dislike. Only last week Herr Kohl criticised Baroness Thatcher and her "Prague followers" in an off-the-cuff speech to the Christian Democratic Economic Commission. Mr Klaus is not only a radical free marketeer, but also the most Euro-sceptical of all Central and East European leaders. He has made no secret of his low opinion of Herr Kohl's cherished EMU project.

The process of working out a joint declaration with Germany has been hampered by the uncertain outcome of the Czech election, which left Mr Klaus with a minority Government. A sticking point in the coalition talks has been the identity of the new minister in charge of negotiating European entry. The Czech Foreign Ministry is reluctant to surrender that responsibility; Mr Klaus wants to keep control of the long bargaining with Brussels.

The arguments over the joint declaration have robbed the Chancellor of one of his favourite poses: champion of eastward enlargement of the European Union. The longer the dispute continued, the more it seemed to the Czechs as if Herr Waigel and the CSU were making a Sudeten settlement into a fixed condition for European entry.



An American military policeman on duty yesterday near a road sign at Dobož with election campaign posters featuring Radovan Karadzic

## Karadzic sends his lawyer to Bosnia war crimes hearing

BY BEN MACINTYRE

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader and alleged war criminal, implicitly recognised the legitimacy of the Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague yesterday when his lawyer demanded access to the court to prepare a possible case for his defence on charges of mass murder and "ethnic cleansing".

Dr Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, his military commander, have been indicted on charges of genocide and top of the tribunal's most-wanted men, but both remain at large in Bosnian Serb territory.

The tribunal at The Hague yesterday began "Rule 61" hearings into the Karadzic and Mladic cases, a legal mechanism allowing the prosecution to present its case and increase international pressure for the arrest of the two

men, but which falls short of a trial in absentia.

The hearings were briefly delayed yesterday when Igor Pantelic, a Belgrade lawyer acting on behalf of Dr Karadzic, asked for permission to sit in on the court to examine the evidence against the two men "with a view to preparing a possible defence".

The court, however, ruled that Mr Pantelic could have full access to case files and prosecution documents only if he was accompanied by the Bosnian Serb leaders at a formal trial.

Judge Claude Jorda said that Mr Pantelic could stay in the court for the reading of the charges, but would then have to sit in the public gallery for the rest of the hearing.

Prosecutors clearly fear that releasing their files before Dr Karadzic and General Mladic

are in custody could lead to interference with witnesses.

More than a dozen witnesses are expected to testify against the two men during the seven-day hearing. The indictments allege that from the earliest days of the Bosnia conflict, Dr Karadzic and General Mladic co-ordinated atrocities and mass murder of non-Serbs, which prosecutors described as "scenes from hell, written on the darkest pages of human history".

At the end of the hearings the judges will probably issue an international arrest warrant for the two men.

The tribunal yesterday charged eight Bosnian Serbs with the rape and torture of Muslim women in Foca, southwest Bosnia, in 1992 and 1993. The charges are the first to concentrate on rape as a war crime.



## Mostar poll likely to bolster ethnic divide

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN MOSTAR

CITIZENS in the bitterly divided city of Mostar will vote on Sunday in Bosnia's first postwar election, which is widely expected to cement the ethnic division of the medieval town despite a two-year attempt by the European Union to reunite it.

Some 2,500 Nato troops have been deployed to provide security for the elections because officials on both sides fear a renewal of ethnic violence when thousands of refugees return to cast their ballots. Muslims and Croats fought a brutal war in 1993 which was ended with a peace deal that never solved the issues behind the fighting.

In the wake of that conflict, the EU set up an international administration in Mostar in 1994 with the aim of uniting the city, whose prewar population of approximately 126,000 was 34.8 per cent

Muslim, 33.8 per cent Croat and 19 per cent Serb.

Two years and hundreds of thousands of pounds later, Mostar remains bitterly divided. Croats still occupy the thriving west bank of the Neretva river and Muslims the devastated east bank. Virtually all the Serbs are gone.

Voters will elect one mayor, and a city council, but the results are predetermined, based on a formula that allocates a certain number of seats to each ethnic group. Because the governor of the Mostar canton is a Muslim, both sides have agreed that the mayor will be a Croat.

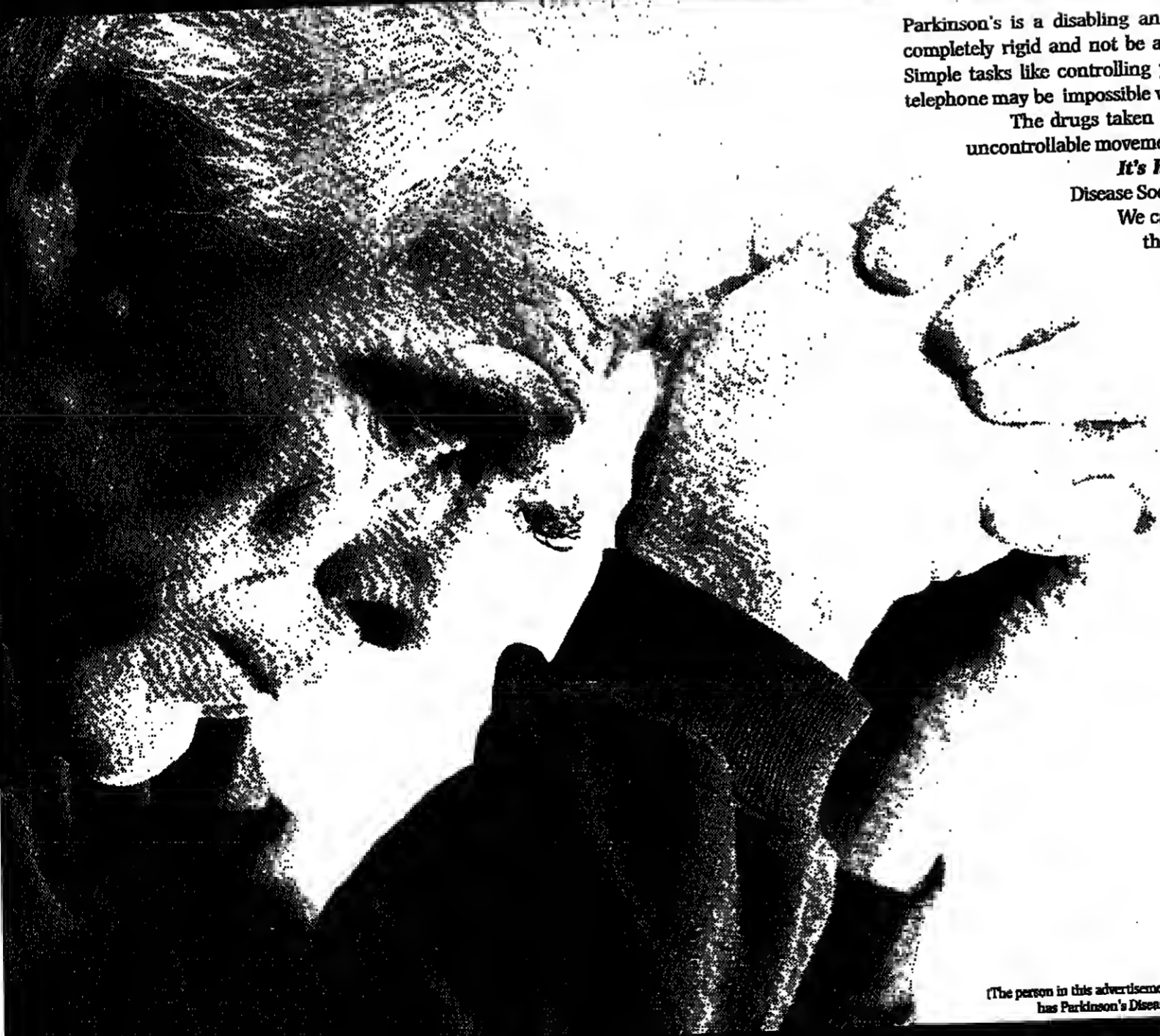
The Mostar elections are widely perceived as a test case for nationwide elections on September 14.

However, the overwhelming apathy on both sides is likely to cement the power of the nationalists.



Hitler is cheered in 1938 as the invading German armies march across the Czechoslovak border

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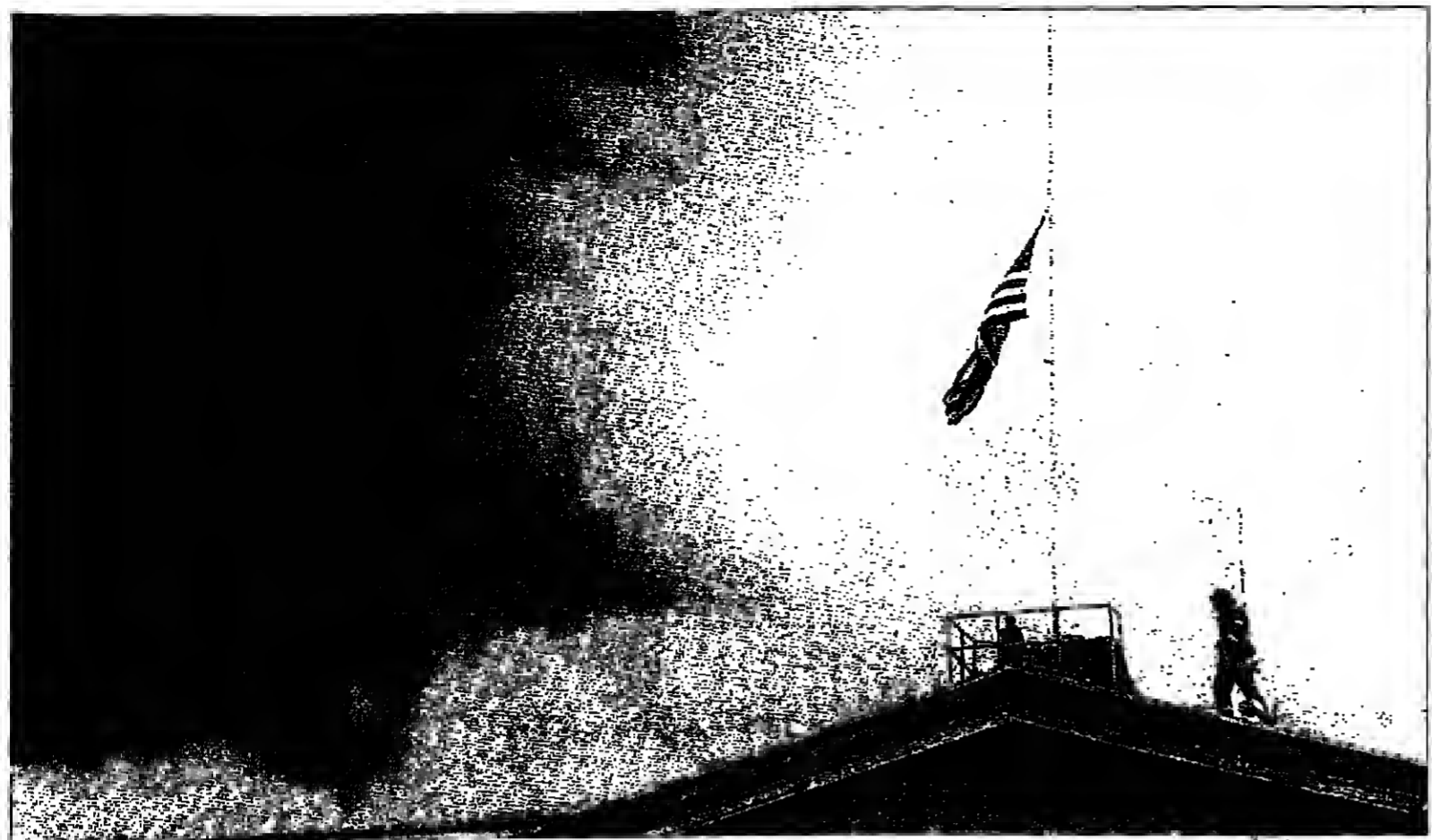
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A fireman keeps clear of smoke billowing from the roof of the US Treasury building in Washington. A fierce fire on the top floor of the historic building sent a pall of black smoke over the neighbouring White House and caused a rush-hour traffic jam (Ian Brodie writes). More than 75 firefighters took

### Fire halts work at US Treasury

nearly four hours to bring the flames under control and seven were treated in hospital for heat exhaustion. The fire chief, Otis Latta, said their work under the vaulted roof was made difficult by the warren of offices,

many with false ceilings that had to be attacked with axes and chainsaws to reach the flames. The fire started in building materials left on the roof during restoration work. Treasury workers were given the day off

yesterday while officials checked reports of asbestos in the materials. Many documents were lost in the international affairs department on the damaged fifth floor, but no money was stored in the building. The colonnade Treasury covers five acres and is the largest Greek revival structure in the world.

## FBI hunts for clues to Iranian link Dhahran bombing claimed by second Islamic group

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, IN LYONS

A SECOND, previously unknown group, Hezbollah-Gulf, last night claimed responsibility for the explosion in which 19 American servicemen in Saudi Arabia were killed, as FBI agents hunted for clues to discover whether the attack was carried out with Iranian backing.

The claim, being treated as potentially serious by Western security experts, came in a statement in Arabic read to a news agency in the Gulf. Hezbollah (the Party of God) is closely linked to Tehran and only last month, another new wing of the organisation, Hezbollah-Bahrain, was named by the authorities as behind a plot to overthrow the pro-Western Bahraini regime. "In the name of God the merciful, Hezbollah-Gulf declares its total responsibility for the Saudi explosion. We threaten to carry out more attacks," the caller said. In Iran, Hezbollah is the name used to describe Islamic militants who provide grassroots support for the revolutionary Government, which yesterday denied any involvement in Tuesday's bomb, the worst attack on American servicemen or civilians in the Middle East for 13 years.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is planning to deliver a personal assurance to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on Monday that the world's most powerful nations are united in their determination to combat Islamic and other terrorism.

Conservative groups were dismayed and so was Justice Antonin Scalia, who, dissenting, lamented that the enemies of single-sex education had won. "I do not think any of us, women included, will be better off for its destruction," he said.

The decision also affects The Citadel in South Carolina, the only other all-male military school run by an American state, where Shannon Faulkner won admittance as a cadet under a court order last year. She dropped out after a week, complaining of isolation and harassment by male cadets.

### TERRORISM

He will also insist that Britain views with repugnance remarks by Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident Saudi physicist granted temporary asylum in Britain, that the bombing was "intellectually justified". Dr Masari said he did not condone the bombings, but believed the US faced further attacks. John Major dismissed Dr Masari's remarks. "I can see no case intellectually, or any other sort, for that sort of activity in Dhahran," the Prime Minister

Saudi officer. Questioned about the claims and the FBI investigation, Mr Christopher urged caution. "Although there have been some claims of responsibility, we do not know if these are spurious or valid," he said at the G7 summit in Lyons.

Despite the denial from Tehran, the semi-official Iranian media made little effort to disguise their glee at the attack, claiming that Saudi Arabia would witness its own Islamic revolution if American forces did not withdraw and the ruling Al-Saud family did not give a political say to the opposition, which consists mainly of Islamic fundamentalists.

Tehran's daily *Abrar*, in a commentary headlined "Aftershocks in the island of black gold", said: "It seems that in the next few years, a second Middle East explosion [the first being Iran's Islamic revolution] will take place in Saudi Arabia."

Tehran radio said that the opposition to the presence of US forces was not limited to the Gulf; it also included Japan. The radio added: "The presence of American forces in countries with strong traditional and religious social structures has provoked the sensitivities of ... people who see this presence as an obstacle to their own cultural identity and national independence."

Iran News repeated the mullahs' position that America and other Western forces were a threat to the Gulf's security and should leave. "In principle, terrorism is to be condemned. However, regional observers believe that such acts will continue as long as US forces are present in this part of the world." Intelligence experts cited the planning, organisation and finance needed for the attack as indicating the backing of a foreign power.

**6 In the name of God, the merciful, Hezbollah-Gulf declares ... we threaten to carry out more attacks?**

### Flying Elvis killed in nightclub stunt

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

THREE skydiving Elvis impersonators were in mourning yesterday for their fourth colleague, who died after the team was blown off course by high winds during a nightclub opening in Boston.

The four stunt artists from the Honeymoon in Vegas skydiving team, complete with fringed jump suits, slicked-back hair and sunglasses, were supposed to fly over the WaterWorks club and land in a nearby parking area.

Instead, the gusting winds pulled two of the skydivers into Boston Harbour, a third into a street and the fourth, fatally, into the *Sea View* Yacht Club. Raymond Savies, 41, of Las Vegas, died soon after he slammed into a wooden barrier off the pier, suffering severe head and chest injuries.

"We ran into winds and so we didn't quite make it into our target," said Thomas LaRoche, who has made 2,500 jumps over 25 years and was one of those who landed in the harbour.

He said that each member of the team was a licensed skydiver and had been performing as part of the Flying Elvises for many years. "We are all seasoned professionals and normally we can handle this, but tragically it didn't go the way we had planned."

The parachuting troupe is just a small part of the burgeoning Elvis Presley industry in Las Vegas including the notorious Elvis wedding, an event at which impersonators offer a sickly rendition of *Love Me Tender* as the happy couple join hands.

### New York aims for polite force

BY TOM RHODES

AFTER more than a decade of nurturing the rudest police force in America, New York is now offering promotion and prizes to officers who exude politeness.

Plagued by more than 2,300 complaints of verbally abusive and disrespectful officers, Howard Safir, the Commissioner, is introducing random undercover checks to test and grade the levels of respect for the public among his patrolmen and women.

Anyone whose performance is found to be exemplary will be rewarded by promotions, citations and award luncheons. Those who are rude or abusive to pedestrians and drivers face disciplinary action and may be obliged to re-enter training programmes.

### Military school must drop all-male rule

BY IAN BRODIE

THE US Supreme Court has ruled that an all-male military school in Virginia must admit women to its physically and mentally gruelling programme or it will have to lose its state funds.

The seven-to-one endorsement of sexual equality was celebrated by women's groups who saw it as strengthening their position in other fights they are engaged in to win support for women's athletics programmes and to open up more job opportunities to women.

The court's opinion was written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who made her name as an advocate for women's rights before joining the bench.

Justice Bader said that an alternative programme for women at the Virginia Military Institute served the state's

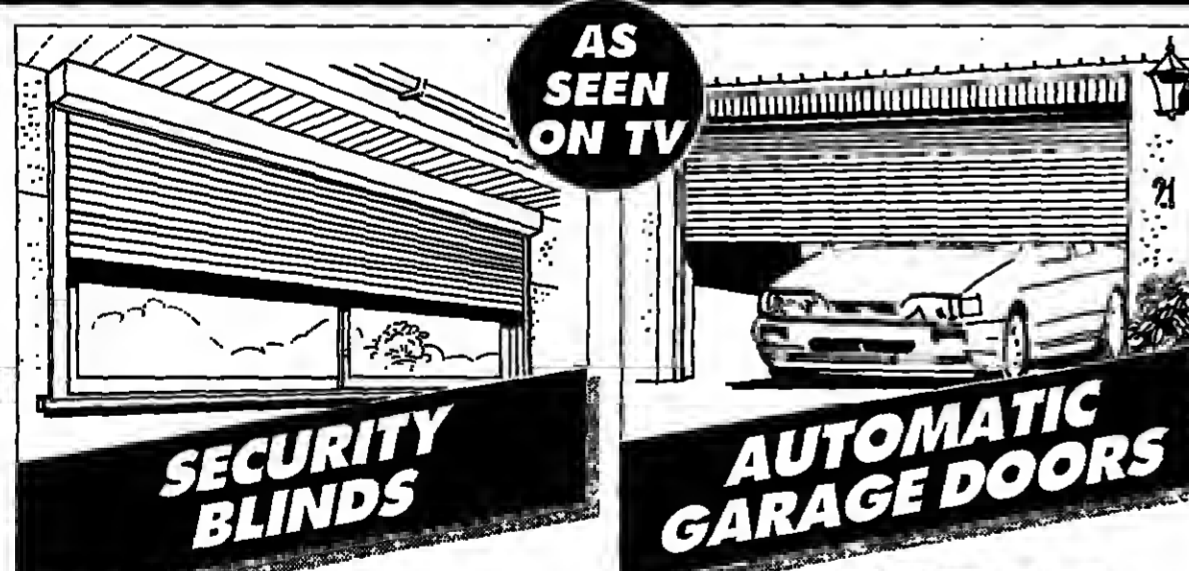
sons, yet it made no provision for its daughters.

An alternative programme for women, said the judge, was but a pale shadow of the male course and did not amount to equal protection under the American Constitution.

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A waitress in a restaurant window yesterday photographs President Clinton as he addresses the people of Perouges, near Lyons

Americans attack security 'failure' at Saudi blast base

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AS THE reality of the Saudi bomb attack continued to sink in yesterday, Americans were increasingly asking why their troops had been left so vulnerable despite months of warnings.

Commentators and security experts strongly criticised the recent precautions taken around the base's housing in Dhahran, eastern Saudi Arabia, as inadequate.

General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, seemed to agree. In a terse exchange with reporters, he conceded it was time to take a new look at security. In fact, an urgent security review was launched at American military installations, embassies and consulates around the world.

The issue in the Dhahran bombing is that although concrete barriers had been installed on the perimeter of the complex, they were placed only 35 yards from an eight-floor block of flats where servicemen were housed. Vincent Cannistraro, former chief of counter-terrorism for the CIA, said: "To have a 35-yard security perimeter in light of the history of attacks against US military facilities in the Middle East is absolutely reprehensible."

Unusually, summit leaders, who normally fly in at the last minute, all arrived early. President Clinton did what he likes doing best: campaigning in a sleepy village square in Perouges, where, he said, American GIs had fought side by side with the French resistance 52 years ago "to win your freedom back."

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BOMB REACTION

In a scathing television report, ABC News noted that new security measures around the White House in Washington are designed to keep a lorry bomb 300 yards away. ABC News asked why the Dhahran tanker was allowed up to 35 yards from the flats.

"Most kids can throw a football that far," the report said. Officials, though, sought to defend what they had done, saying 20 steps had been taken in Dhahran, including the posting of lookouts who raised the alarm. General Binford Peay, commander of US Central Command which oversees troops in Saudi Arabia, said the bomb was far more powerful than any ever used in a terrorist attack against Americans in the Middle East.

"Frankly, you could have moved that blast a number of yards further out and you probably would have had similar results," he said.

Earlier, William Perry, Defence Secretary, said there would have been many, many

more casualties if the petrol tanker had been able to park immediately beside the targeted building. He is probably right. In Oklahoma City, a rented van was driven into a parking space under the front canopy of the federal building. Its bomb went off with a force of 2,000 lb of TNT, killing 167, including 19 children. The Dhahran bomb, which killed 19, was reckoned to have an explosive force of 5,000 lb.

Mr Perry will go to Jeddah tomorrow to discuss improving security for American troops with Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, and other Saudi government ministers.

Pentagon officials refused to say what Mr Perry might propose, but he will reiterate the Clinton Administration's determination to keep forces in the Gulf to protect American interests and the moderate Arab states.

Memorial service: After the G7 summit in Lyons, President Clinton will attend memorial services in Florida on Sunday for air force victims of the bombing.

Lyons billet for army marching on its stomach

FROM MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR IN LYONS

G7 SUMMIT

RAYMOND BARRE, the Mayor of Lyons, knows what is at stake. It is not the world's response to terrorism, debt relief, employment or the future of the World Bank: it is the honour of France.

For weeks, the former Gaullist Prime Minister, parachuted into France's second city to rescue it from the infamy of city hall corruption, has concentrated his energy on the one issue on which his reputation, and that of his city, rests: whether Lyons, the ancient capital of Roman Gaul, the birthplace of the cinema and the heroic centre of wartime resistance, remains, indisputably, the gastronomic capital of France and of the world.

M Barre, an economics professor and notorious gourmand, has demanded daily faxes from all the big hotels and restaurants to ensure that their menus are the finest imaginable. He personally chose the china, decorated with the city crest, for the state banquet.

Horrified to find that the city hall had no proper kitchens, he has spent more than £4 million refurbishing the venue for the G7 leaders and otherwise ensuring that Lyons puts on a fine show.

Paul Bocuse, the Cantona of French gastronomy, was forced to share his expertise with three other Michelin-starred chefs in preparing last night's banquet but for the world leaders, too many

cooks could never spoil the summit broth.

Lyonnais restaurateurs are less ecstatic for all the talk of *gaunettes aux écrevisses* (crayfish dumplings) and other regional specialities, the worry is that the biggest gourmands — the locals — will be unable to get through the security cordon. In fact the whole city, rewarded by President Chirac with the G7 for M Barre's valuable election support, seems less than enchanted at this attempt to escape from the shadow of Paris.

The taxpayers are complaining at the cost, £100 a second according to local estimates; the unemployed say that they and the other 23 million on the dole in the G7 countries will get nothing

from the summit; and Third World advocates, who annually stage a rival summit, are, as usual, arguing that debt as it remains as burdensome as ever while foreign aid to the world's poorest countries fell by more than 9 per cent last year.

Even attempts to inspire the citizenry with music and fireworks have fallen somewhat flat. The great public concert, planned for this evening, has been moved to Saturday after everyone has gone home. Soul singer Al Jarreau will perform. So will Johnny Halliday, the ageing French rock star and Lord Menuhin, who turned 80 in April.

But Lyons, lush in the rich green valley of the Rhône, historic home of the silk industry for three centuries and boasting enough châteaux and 17th century pal-

aces to house all the delegations in classical comfort, is still a magnet.

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Shalikashvili: concedes need for security review



Perry: to fly to Jeddah for talks with ministers

Papandreou's party seeks successor

By JOHN CARR IN ATHENS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GREECE'S ruling Socialist party started a three-day national congress yesterday to elect a successor to their late leader, Andreas Papandreou. Rivalries quickly came to

the fore at the opening session of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), attended by more than 5,000 delegates, with Akis Tsochatzopoulos, the Interior Minister, competing for the job against Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister. Mr Simitis yesterday vowed to resign his post if he fails to be

elect party president. The vital ballot is expected to be held on Sunday.

Mr Simitis hopes the party presidency will help to underpin his premiership and carry through pro-market and pro-European economic reforms, including an accelerated privatisation programme. How-

ever, he has come under fire from nationalists, who accuse him of being too soft on the perceived security threat from Turkey.

Recent opinion polls indicate that Pasok is trailing the conservative New Democracy opposition nationally by at least three percentage points.

Tabloid revolution rocks royals in Spain

FROM TUNIKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

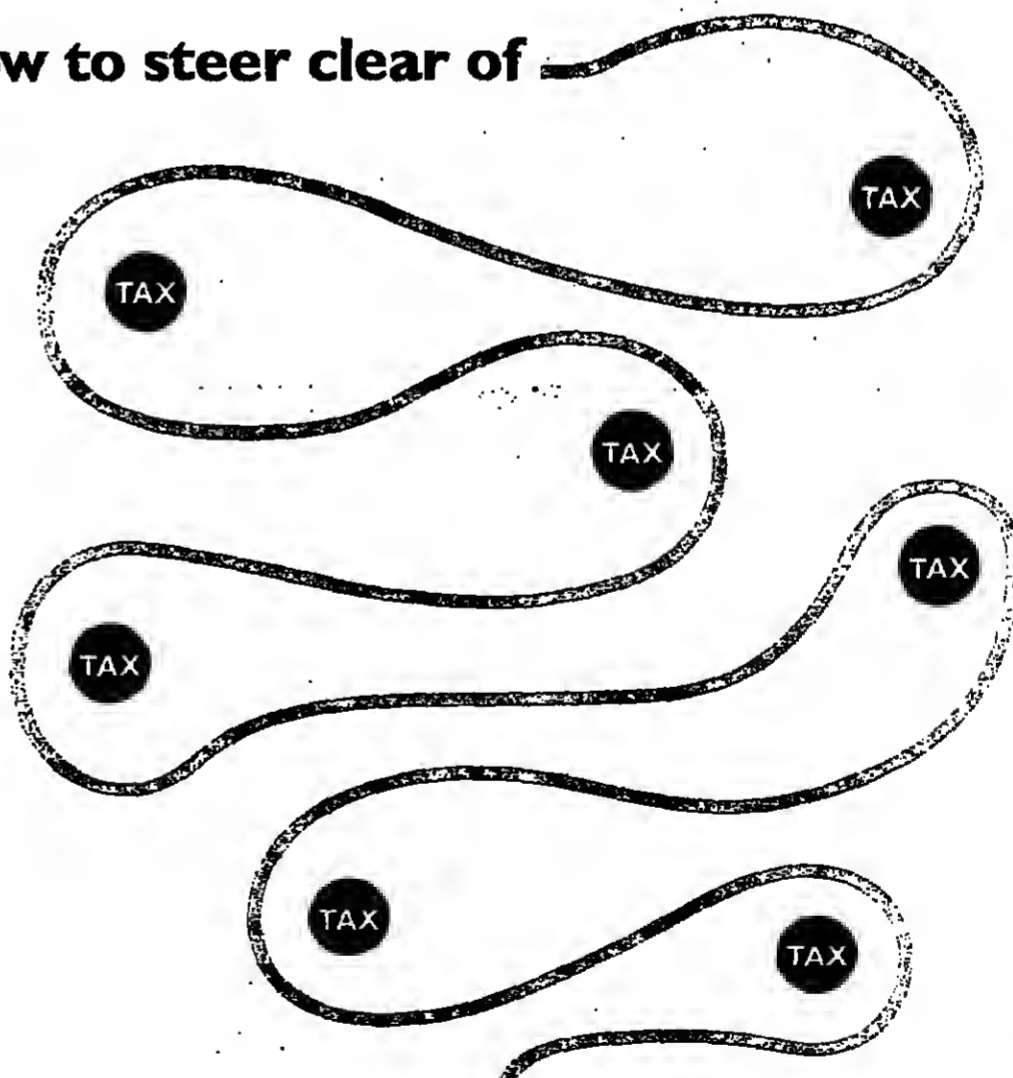
SPANISH royal circles and guardians of taste are increasingly alarmed by the tabloid revolution shaking the country's normally respectful press.

For months, the cameras and attention of Spain's gossip magazines have been trained on Crown Prince Felipe and Gigi Howard, the 24-year-old American woman with whom he is believed to be in love.

Now, worryingly for some, even ostensibly serious news magazines are adopting tabloid tactics in pursuit of royal stories. "The American who has driven the Prince crazy"; "The American adventure"; "The Gigi storm"; and "Exclusive: The secret meeting between the Prince and Gigi Howard", are some of the stories featured on the covers of magazines. The bold tone and irreverent contents of the stories signal a departure from traditional Spanish methods.

The private affairs of the royal family — and in particular that of the King — have been the subject of a tacit taboo, one that is fast eroding. "This is a natural result of the shrinking of the distance between the royal family and the public in a democracy," says Felipe Sahagun, a leader writer for *El Mundo*. Not everyone is happy, however. Clara Isabel de Bustos, court correspondent of the conservative daily *ABC*, says: "All this Gigi business in the press creates the false impression that the Prince is an idler."

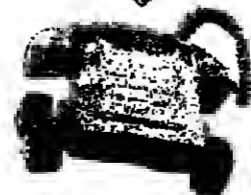
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# Lebed supporters balk at voting for Yeltsin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN NOVOCHERKASSK, SOUTHERN RUSSIA

GENNADI ZYUGANOV, the Communist candidate in the Russian presidential election, has said that "voters are not serfs, they cannot be bought and sold," and this is a warning that the campaign organisers of Aleksandr Lebed, the former candidate, are taking seriously.

They know that just because the general has joined President Yeltsin's administration, this does not necessarily mean that his 11 million voters will head his advice to support the incumbent in the second round. If enough of them vote Communist, or even stay at home, Mr Yeltsin could still lose. They also know that if General Lebed fails to turn out most of his voters for the President, then even if Mr Yeltsin wins, General Lebed's prestige within the administration will suffer accordingly.

Mr Lebed's campaign organiser in his birthplace, the town of Novocherkassk, is



Ataman Gennadi Nedvygin, a Cossack leader and businessman, and a childhood friend of General Lebed. This week, he told a meeting of his campaign staff that "it is no good just handing out pamphlets telling our voters that they now have to vote for Yeltsin — they'll take them and stuff them down the lavatory. We've got to emphasise that Lebed is joining the administration so as to reform it, get rid of the corrupt element, and keep Yeltsin up to the mark." The strategy

adopted by Lebed supporters in Novocherkassk, and indeed nationally, tends therefore to be more about continued support for the general in his new role, and fear of Communism, than it is about positive support for Mr Yeltsin.

Although General Lebed is personally popular in Novocherkassk, the biggest vote in the first round went to the Communists, with 32 per cent. Mr Nedvygin's deputy, Yuri Trukhmanov, a retired police colonel, admitted that he understood these voters well.

"For all Yeltsin's promises, pensioners here have not been paid their pension for January, February and March. Teachers have not been paid for April and May, and are now being sent on two months' unpaid holiday. I know how these people will vote."

General Lebed's pledge to get tough on crime and cor-

ruption is popular, and is endlessly emphasised by his election propaganda. But as another of Mr Nedvygin's assistants, Yevgeni Kirsanov, a local historian, admitted: "None of us really know how the Lebed vote will go the next time round. He has frightened some people with his authoritarian image. So our key task is to show that Lebed is tough, but not cruel; determined, but moderate."

In straw polls on the streets of Novocherkassk and the regional centre of Rostov this week, about half of General Lebed's voters interviewed said that they would now vote for Mr Yeltsin, with a quarter saying they support the Communist and another quarter undecided or against both candidates.

The latest national opinion poll, published yesterday, showed 59 per cent of General Lebed's voters now supporting Mr Yeltsin, with 14 per cent going to Mr Zyuganov. According to the poll, this would help to give President Yeltsin a vote of 53 per cent and victory, but by such a narrow margin that Yeltsin supporters are worried.

The clear risk for Mr Yeltsin is that Lebed supporters may not vote. Again and again, people who had backed the general, and even the liberal leader, Grigori Yavlinsky, have said that if they voted for the President, it would be without enthusiasm. As Yuri Andreyevich, an engineer, said: "I voted for Lebed because I believe he would try to do something against crime and corruption. Now he's with Yeltsin, I suppose I'll vote for Yeltsin, but I'm afraid Yeltsin's regime may simply stifle him, or sack him again, and nothing will change."

Or, as Mikhail, an officer cadet, put it: "I voted for Lebed in the first round, but whatever he says, I just can't bring myself to vote for Yeltsin in the second. I can't forgive Yeltsin for what he's done to the army."

## Zyuganov flaunts xenophobia

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

ON A day when he might have been expected to be out seeking new voters, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist presidential candidate, yesterday gave an aggressive speech to a forum of Orthodox Church believers that reinforced his reputation as a xenophobic nationalist with anti-Semitic leanings.

"I am a believer and first of all I believe in Russia," he said to loud applause, saying he had renounced the atheistic doctrines his party used to espouse. He read out the main points of a "programme of national revival" that included a crackdown on pornography and the rebuilding of ruined churches, as well as "the recreation of a single Russian state" on the territory of Russia and its Slavic neighbours.



Zyuganov: aggressive speech to church group

Mr Zyuganov has been advised by some of his aides to adopt a moderate, social-democratic tone in order to build on his core support of 24 million voters and win the presidential run-off on July 3. His choice of audience yesterday showed that he believes

the opposite, that there are votes in a new kind of post-Communist nationalism.

That is the ideology expressed in his two books, *Over the Horizon* and *I Believe in Russia*, where the West is portrayed as a malign influence on Russia's struggle to build its own "spiritually healthy" civilisation.

One of the alarming features of the books is a failure to conceal an instinctual anti-Semitism. In *I Believe in Russia* he alleges that the Western financial system is run by a Jewish conspiracy. Sergei Bykov, of the Moscow Anti-Fascist Centre, said he feared Russians had not yet appreciated how extreme Mr Zyuganov's views were.

"What separates him from the old Communists is that they, formally at least, were internationalists," Mr Bykov said. "He is a thorough nationalist."



General Aleksandr Lebed addresses nationalist supporters in Moscow yesterday

## New supremo defines empire

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

ONLY A week into his job as the country's National Security Adviser, General Aleksandr Lebed has made it clear that his political ambitions know no bounds.

Not content with his broad, but ill-defined, new powers as Russia's security supremo, the former paratrooper yesterday laid claim to wide-ranging areas of government policy and set his sights firmly on the Kremlin.

The move, during a meeting with Russian nationalists in Moscow, seemed likely to reinforce the growing suspicion among many Kremlin insiders that the man brought in to save President Yeltsin in next week's election may turn out to be a Frankenstein bent on seizing power.

Although widely anticipated, the extent of General Lebed's public muscle-flexing has staggered even those pundits accustomed to his growling threats, which previously have been confined to discuss-

ing criminals, corrupt politicians and army rivals.

Yesterday, during a free-ranging question-and-answer session with supporters of the Union of Patriotic and National Organisations, General Lebed left little doubt that he expected his writ to run much further. Hardly any aspect of government policy was left untouched by the former boxer and Afghan war veteran, who claimed everything from protecting Russian culture to stemming the brain-drain as issues of national security.

## Plea for reruns in Natal poll

Johannesburg: Peter Müller, Minister of Local Government in KwaZulu/Natal, yesterday applied in the Supreme Court to have voting in four rural areas of the province declared null and void and for polling to be repeated in those areas (Inigo Gilmore writes).

The move followed complaints by the African National Congress about administrative chaos and intimidation during Wednesday's local elections. President Mandela said the repeatedly delayed polls had largely been free and fair. Final results are expected today.

## Prisoners lose lottery of death

San Salvador: Four prisoners aged 18 to 22, who lost a lottery, are due to commit suicide on Monday in protest against conditions at Santa Ana jail near here. The 787 El Salvador inmates chose the suicide lottery to protest against inhuman conditions at the prison, which should hold 350. They are also on hunger strike. (AFP)

## New director for institute

London: Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden is to become Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs on January 1, 1997, taking over from Professor Sir Laurence Martin, who will retire (Eve Ann Prentice writes). Sir Timothy, 52, started his career as a pilot in the RAF.

## Uganda votes

Kampala: Long queues formed outside polling stations around the Ugandan capital as the country marked its return to democracy with parliamentary elections after some two decades of dictatorship. (Reuters)

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### Jupiter's biggest moon has a visitor

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Galileo spacecraft yesterday skimmed by Ganymede, the solar system's largest moon.

Were it not in orbit around Jupiter, Ganymede would qualify as a very respectable planet in its own right three-quarters as large as Mars, bigger than Mercury, and twice the size and ten times the mass of Pluto.

Galileo passed within 524 miles of the moon, taking pictures which should reveal surface details as small as 33 feet across on Ganymede's cratered surface.

The images will take time to be sent back to Earth, because Galileo's antenna has been out of action since it failed to unfurl in 1991, two years after the spacecraft was launched on its journey by the space shuttle Atlantis.

Thanks to NASA engineers, who reprogrammed Galileo's control systems from the ground, a lower-powered aerial will be able to accomplish almost all the mission's objectives, but more slowly. The first pictures will be released by NASA on July 10.

Geologists are fascinated to see what they will reveal. They believe the moon's ridges, icy grooves and craters resemble the Earth's crust.

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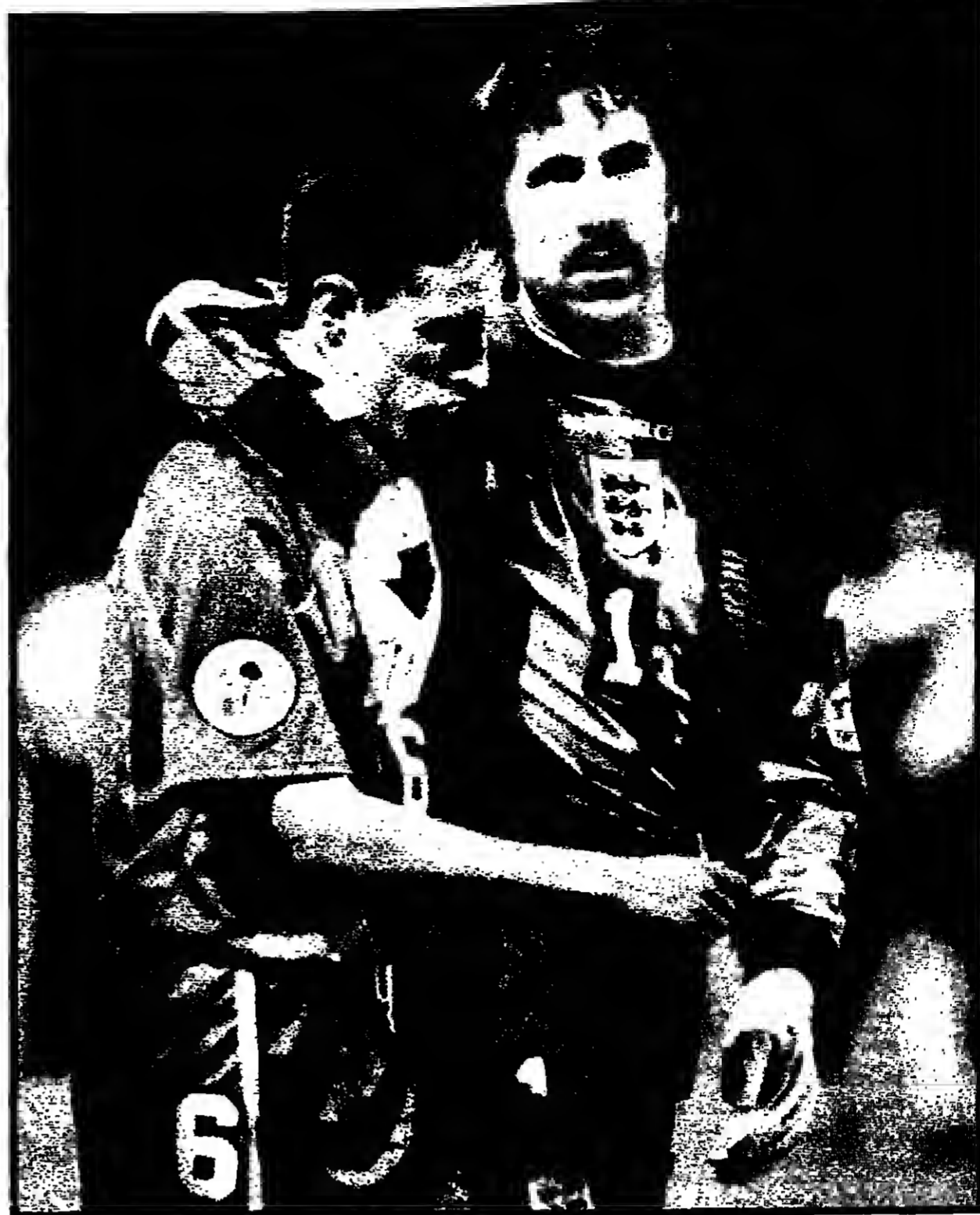
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Sheringham celebrates with Gascoigne: "I could walk into any pub in the land and start a Euro 96 conversatioo"

Seaman and Southgate after the semi-final: "England thrilled the heart; they consoled each other wonderfully"

# The end of the affair



**Lynne Truss was never a football fan but after three weeks of Euro 96 she is nursing a broken heart - and knows just how it feels to be gutted**

Practically speaking, it is rather tricky writing while your head is in your hands. It involves typing with the elbows, while tears trickle towards the keys. For woe, woe, woe, woe. How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world. Is it always like this, then? Who would choose to be a football supporter, if this is what happens? A lost semi-final, and I feel bereft, abandoned, lonely. Where did everybody go? I have heard people use the expression "gutted", rather freely in the past, but never before felt the moment when the cruel knife slips in and the purple slithering bits are yanked out and split on the sawdust.

ing it was a foot who didn't know about the football. It was Libby. "It's just a game, Lynne," she warned me. "I know, I know," I laughed. "Great goal from Shearer, though. Third minute! Good old Shearer, looks lovely in grey, really suits him, what a night, isn't it torture..." But interrupting my Great Bores of Today speech, she made sure I got the message. Reading my Euro 96 pieces carefully over the past three weeks, she had intuited that I was getting a tad emotionally involved. "So don't forget," she insisted, "it's just a game." I said yes, of course, thanks. Just a game, OK - and then hung up quickly, anxious not to miss Rudi Gullit on the telly, without whose wisdom, gentility and fabulous good looks life will no longer be worth living.

Rudi Gullit, despite his captaincy of the triumphant 1998 European Cup Dutch team and fruitful association with Chelsea. No, his name meant nothing. Someone told me that "Rude Hoolit" was spelt with a "G", and I remember saying: "OK, I believe you; but where does it go?" Terry Venables could have been anybody in football; and when someone informed me he was the England coach, I assumed someone else must be manager. Aside from Gascoigne, the only name in the squad that meant anything to me was David Platt, which was why (once he was allowed to play) I cheered his every move. Good man, Platt. Underrated. Like a rock. No fuss about penalties, either: just bangs them in. Instant expertise such as mine is wafer-thin, obviously. But I liked watching McManaman pumping those long, thin legs like a street



England fans in Trafalgar Square before Wednesday's semi-final against Germany

urchin in a Bert Hardy photograph: I liked chanting "Sea-Man, Sea-Man" (and learning the subtle difference in delivery from "Shear-Er, Shear-Er"). In any case, it seems that opinion and conviction count for as much as accuracy in discussing foot-

ball: as the ad says for Get Shorty, attitude plays a part. Assuming I do it in the next three days, I could now walk into any pub in the land and start a Euro 96 conversation, using my Platt gambit. It also raises a few envious eyebrows, of course, when I say I watched the England-Holland match from aloft in the Fuji airship. I shall be telling that particular story like the Ancient Mariner for the rest of my pub-bore life. But there was a vice surprise about tackling Euro 96 from a position of total igno-

On Thursday morning I stared blankly at the wall

Well, it's all over for England," came the first message. Then, shortly after, "England players on lap of honour, Germany celebrates. But I admit... I'm gutted." And the evening ended with the words that say it all. "As Germans go through, England heads held high. Thanks Terry for everything, Good-night."

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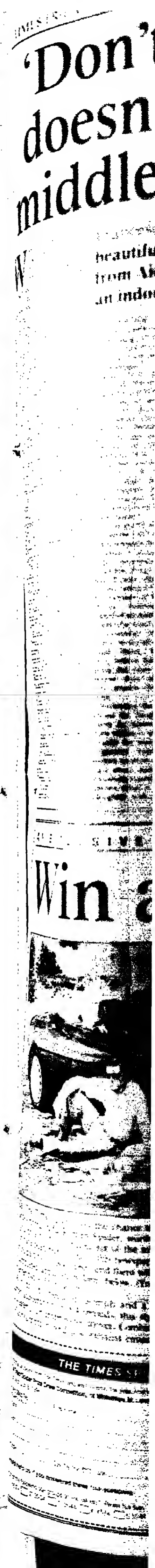


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# 'Don't think Aids doesn't happen to middle-class ladies'

When Francesca Luard discovered she had the Aids virus, she threw in her job on the *Daily Mail*, declaring that life was too short to write about shopping. She must do something that engaged her heart and soul. So she got herself into art school and took up travelling — to Spain, France, Cuba, Jamaica, painting wherever she went.

Elisabeth Luard, her mother, happened to be writing a book called *Family Life*, an amusing record of how she and her husband Nicholas brought up their four children in odd places. Because she is a cookery writer, she interspersed her narrative with wholesome recipes. (As in Nora Ephron's novel *Heartburn*, her view was that cooking is part of life.) Her book was full of scintillating common sense, especially about the teenage years.

When Francesca, the eldest of her three daughters, became HIV positive at 26, the book was abandoned. After Francesca died, in November 1994, Elisabeth added extracts from Francesca's diary, and published *Family Life*, adding the subtitle *Birth, Death and the Whole Damn Thing*: a cheering book despite its melancholy coda.

The glamorous, handsome Luards had led such a charmed life. In the 1960s Nicholas Luard — "Wykehamist ex-Guards officer and the only satirist to wear a suit", in Richard Ingrams's words — founded the Establishment Club with Peter Cook.

Elisabeth, née Longmore, ran *Private Eye*'s office. When they married at St Margaret's, Westminster, *le tout Soho demi-monde* turned up. Their honeymoon at the Ritz in Paris was cut short by a telegram from *Private Eye* about a writ from Randolph Churchill. Until their first baby was born, their lodger was Jeffrey Bernard, not yet unwell. You get the picture.

As writers, they could bring up their children wherever they pleased. For eight years they lived in Andalusia, and for a time occupied Auberon Waugh's house in the Aude — Maison Wog, as the French locals pronounce Waugh. "As a family," Elisabeth writes, "we have always expected to be able to

Francesca Luard was gifted, beautiful... and doomed to die from Aids. Her mother salutes an indomitable spirit

do everything — writing, painting, performing, whatever is necessary to communicate our feelings."

And then the beautiful Francesca, with her first-class degree and brilliant mind (she played chess for the nation) who did not use needles or live dangerously, made her terrible discovery. It is cruel, unfair, but it can happen. As Francesca wrote in her journal: "I have shared a bed with fewer men than I can count on both hands."

"I am guilty of prejudice myself," she wrote. "If I hear that someone not obviously homosexual is HIV-positive, I assume that they are either promiscuous or mainline drugs... Before I was diagnosed myself, when I first saw the pictures of Princess Diana holding the hands of an Aids patient (I hate the word 'victim') I remember thinking: 'Oh — so it's all right to touch them, then.' I truly believe that single thing did more to help people than anything else anyone has ever done."

Yesterday, the Princess of Wales joined the daughter of John Paul Getty Jr. Aileen Getty — another Aids victim — in launching a new charity for women with Aids. As argument rages over whether money spent on warning heterosexuals about Aids is mis-spent, all Elisabeth Luard can say is that she knows what it is like to have a daughter with the virus: "Death



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

'For the first time as a mother, I couldn't fix it'

is unbeatable. As a mother, you are used to fixing things. This was the first time in my life when I couldn't fix it."

They have no idea where she picked up the virus. Francesca suspected it might have been a former lover who came from Lagos.

Last Sunday Elisabeth shared a platform with Aileen Getty at a conference. "It was sponsored by *Hell* magazine, which made it irresistible. With us on the platform was a woman who had picked up her HIV virus because her boyfriend's condom broke."

"I don't understand objections to the Aids campaign. Surely if it hasn't spread into the heterosexual community, then the campaign has worked. It has nothing to do with promiscuity — it's like the lottery."

"But I don't steam around saying this is a plague and everyone is going to get it. It's a sexually transmitted disease. You catch it the way you catch pregnancy. Our experience is very salutary for people who think this doesn't happen to nice, middle-class ladies. I'm a nice middle-class lady."

Francesca's journal ("I've always wanted to have children, lots of them, a home and a husband... Now I'm all alone with this body of mine full of these little viruses... In a way — mad, black and twisted — it's very romantic. There you are in your prime, with a perfectly good body, a fine pair of legs, but with

this terrible thing inside you") is remarkably lacking in bitterness.

"She could sometimes be angry against the disease. She would say: 'Don't think I'm brave. And don't think I wouldn't rather it had happened to anyone else including you, Ma.' Which I thought was refreshingly honest. There was no sentiment or saintliness about her."

"It was important to give her independence — not easy for two writers, trying to get the money together. But my attitude is, I can always write another piece for *Menstrual Monthly* — as we call *Period Living* magazine."

In November 1994, Francesca's T-cell melanoma, a cancer of the blood, became rampant. In her last days at St Thomas', with a view of Big Ben from the grimy windows, her body became weak, her mind remaining sharp.

"The physical process of dying is not like in the movies, or in Shakespeare," Elisabeth says. "Medicine interferes dreadfully with what is going on in your spirit. Death has its own momentum."

Family life is resilient. Elisabeth's first novel, *Emerald*, won the W.H. Smith Thumping Good Read award last year, the top-selling novel in Safeways. Nicholas's next book is about the pilgrim's walk to Santiago de Compostela. The remaining children — Caspar, Honey and Poppy — congregate often around the family table in Wales.

"But it is hard for siblings, like losing a limb. Fran was the one who always knew what everyone was doing. She had time and patience and a capacity for listening. She was the catalyst who helped friends to change their lives."

Hence the fund they have founded in her name, Francesca's Friendship Trust, "to launch young people on a path that would otherwise be closed to them."

The invitation to the launch on Monday, at an exhibition of Francesca's work at the Todd Gallery in Needham Road, W11, shows Francesca, graceful and slender, in a self-portrait photograph, contemplating her own shadow: "Jungians tell me if you can face your own shadow you are well-balanced and unafraid."



Elisabeth Luard: "Fran had time and patience — she was the catalyst who helped to change lives"

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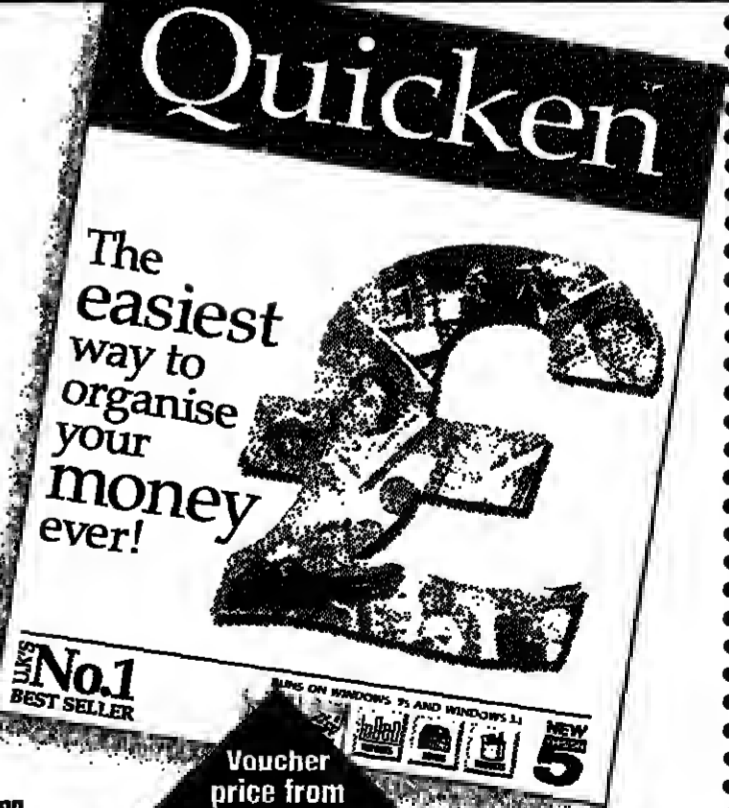
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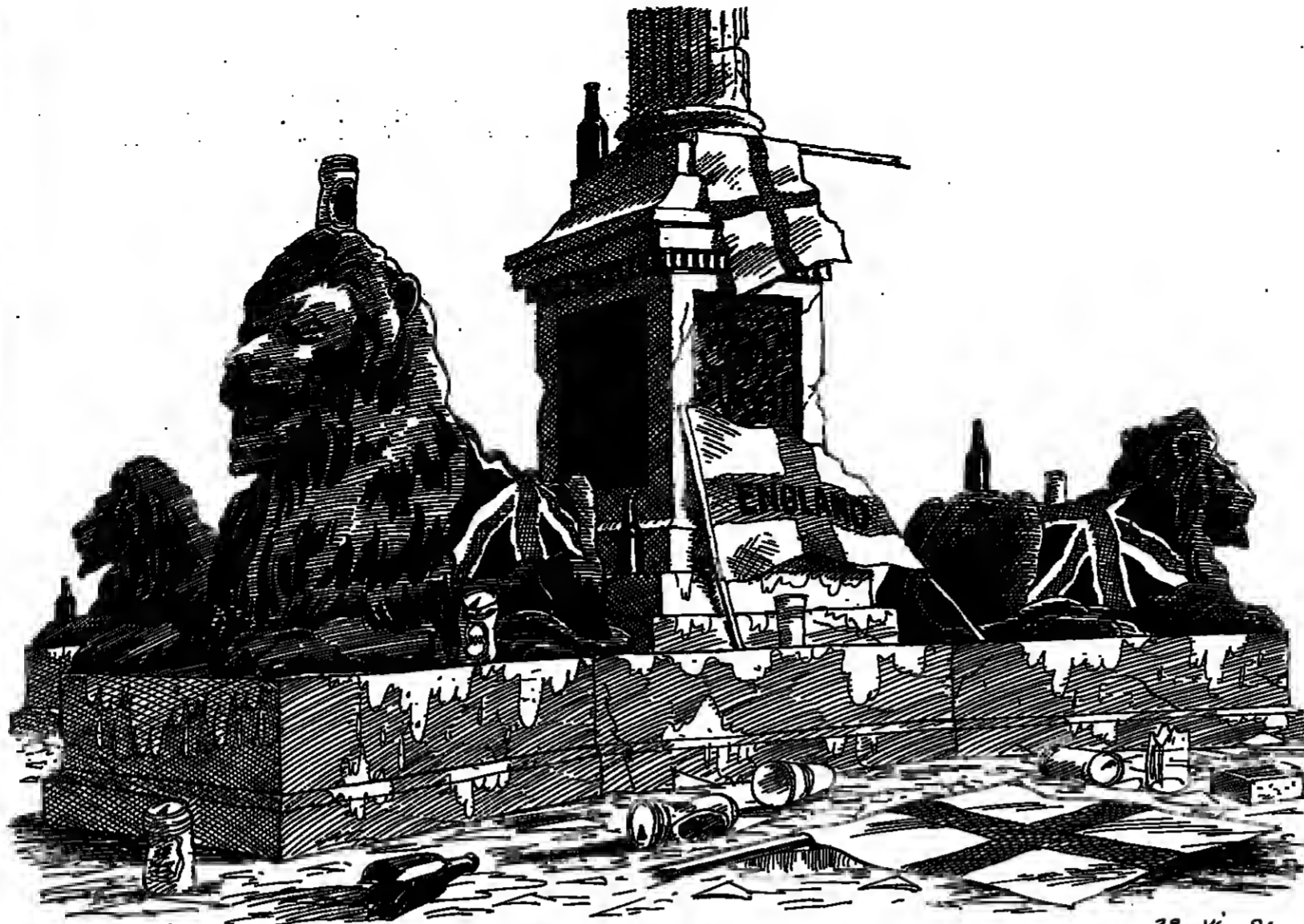
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Philip Howard



We stoics go by Underground: Tu-be or not Tu-be...

For a nation that prides itself on its pragmatism and restraint from emotion, the British are full of rage. And that is because underneath our standoffish faces and grey suits we are wildly emotional and impractical.



THREE LIONS

28 vi 96 Peter Brooke

Is Eros our nemesis?

Usually, I smile when the boffins tell me that a new galaxy has been discovered. It always comes out that the new one is unimaginably greater than all the previous ones put together.

Armageddon will arrive in the shape of an asteroid, we are told — but we have 100,000 years to prove the boffins wrong

why do we believe so entirely that the world goes in only one way: towards the best, but never towards the worst?

over those hundred thousand years the tide will not have gone out? We all believe that man gets better, despite the fallbacks, but there is a good deal of evidence that in very many countries it simply is not true.

Bernard Levin

But somehow, I stopped smiling when the boffins told me that a new asteroid is due to hit the Earth roughly one hundred thousand years from now.

No one knows how the Eros asteroid will avoid Earth's threatening fate. But long before — thousands of years before — it will be a mere paragraph in a history book.

Let us put aside the chances of Earth being smashed into powder by our wandering asteroid, and let us just think of those hundred thousand years. I say that it will be very difficult, very difficult indeed, for human beings to remain recognisable as human in our sense.

But of course, nothing is going to happen to the colliding asteroid, because it is inconceivable that the people living a hundred thousand years from now will not have found a way to deflect or explode their grim fate.

You will easily have spotted the absurdity; my feeble guesses at what will be happening a hundred thousand years hence will be nothing to the real thing.

I come back to where I started, but now even more self-chastened. I am no expert stargazer, though I can pick out a few well-known travellers through the skies, and I have told before the story of my horror when, visiting Australia, I looked up into a clear night, only to see the wrong stars.

That's nothing: the AteX is a boon, but bigger computers can do the AteX's work a thousand times over, and a thousand times more rapidly. And how many years ago was it that we all used typewriters because typewriters were the most powerful and useful machines for disposing of the fountain-pen?

Which brings me to the heart of my wanderings. I mentioned Shakespeare a few lines above, but only to guess how clumsy volumes would be superseded by, say, a special kind of light. That certainly will happen, but...

The boffins are beyond me; again and again, they tell us that there is a new star or constellation, and they coolly tell us that that star is many billions of light years distant, whereas this one has been dead for countless billions of years, though it still shines and will do so practically always.

Why has the world refused to throw in the towel, considering the state it is in? Presumably, it waits for better times, and even when the world is plainly off its head, it has always rubbed its hands and said what next? What I am asking is

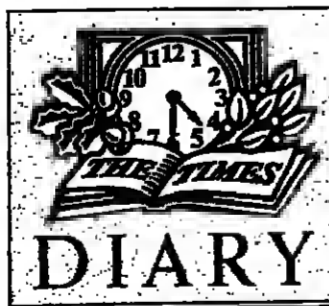
And there I stop, frozen with terror. A hundred thousand years — think of it. Why should they be like us? Why should they read or write, or if they do, why should they not read and write in some way utterly different from what we know? The ape man crawled out of the mud and — over millions of years — gradually became Homo sapiens. But what certainty have we that

Next, the boffins murmur that our tiny Earth surely cannot be the only peopled body in the firmament, and it would be a nonpareil boast to claim that

All change

CENTURIES of tradition are to come to an end this autumn at Westminster School, one of the country's great academic establishments. For the first time since it was founded by Elizabeth I in 1560, the school has appointed a female housemaster.

Westminster in the early 1950s, said he was resigned to a female housemaster at some stage. "Everything is so changed," he said. "They have already had a female head of school."



today, made a recent flight to South Africa sitting next to a pretty young brunette. Buried in his books, he all but ignored her for the journey. The next day his wife revealed her identity: Liz Hurley. "It is one thing that still leaves me grieving slightly," admits Williams.

Service break

WIMBLEDON players looking to boost their performance have rejected the usual dietary fads and routines this year. Porridge is now on the menu.

customer, refused to try it. "He wanted to plaster the walls with it," says owner Louis Rodgers. "He stuck with his usual pancakes and fruit." And look what happened to him.

Euro one!

OVER AT THE Daily Mirror bunker, Piers "Guten" Morgan, sprightly Editor, is still trying to live down an editorial conference he chaired on Monday after England beat Spain on Saturday.

Notwithstanding Guten's love of Mussolini, his prediction for the final was England against France, for which he had ambitious plans: a special edition of the Daily Mirror, to be called Le Mirror, extolling the virtues of French girls and cooking. And no mention of Germans at all.

that the third hole, the location of the Dicks drama, is to be named "Terry's Potty".

Well, Brian

THE OMENS are far from propitious for one of England's remaining participants in Euro 96. ITV's chief commentator, the Voice of Football, Brian Moore, is down to talk us through the final between Germany and the Czech Republic, and will be hoping he doesn't suffer a repeat performance of his previous experience with the two sides.



"Back to reality, eh?"

nal two decades ago between Czechoslovakia and West Germany. Moore commented with a dicky tum. "I'd eaten something which really upset me, and literally gave a running commentary as I had to run to the loo before, at half-time and after the match. And then there was extra time."

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as his revolution continues. Signs are now set on an identity change. Design consultants have been briefed to examine the corporation's logo and come up with a new image for the millennium.

Hold on to Becket's casket

Turbulent priest or saint, asks Henry Mayr-Harting

A showy and worldly Chancellor made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 to the disgust of many learned churchmen: martyred at the apparent instigation of King Henry II in his own cathedral on a stormy December afternoon in 1170; canonised in 1173; and a splendid Limoges reliquary, dating from scarcely a quarter of a century after Thomas à Becket's death, now about to be sold at Sotheby's; was there ever a more meteoric rise to official sainthood?

The best comment I ever read on this was written in an examination by a BA candidate 20 years ago. The gist was that during his archiepiscopate Becket was a bag of trouble, but after his death nobody dreamt of saying that he was the man who had quarrelled with his King, who had ridden roughshod over aristocratic rights in Kent, who had broken the unity of the bench of bishops. No, he was at once the great martyr, working miracles at his tomb, healing not the great, but Canterbury bakers and the like who came to venerate him.

Whether the others look like us is a delicate question; if we met a shirty purple six-thousand-year-old lizard, 14 miles high and determined to eat all the small babies in view, we would have proved that there are other creatures in the universe, but the babies' mothers might be worried.

Let us come back to Eros, where the trouble started. As far as I know, Eros has never before given any trouble, and it is not clear how this enormous missile has been turned in the direction of Earth. It seems that Eros has a somewhat irregular orbit and the hunk of matter (some say rock, some say iron), is gathering speed. The lugubrious Professor James of the University of Arizona (dammit, I've just been there myself) says "... there is not the slightest chance that any human being living on Earth at that time could survive the catastrophe. A collision with Eros... would be four times more violent than the collision with the asteroid or comet 65 million years ago, and that killed most of the dinosaurs. It would have the same effect as several full-scale nuclear wars taking place simultaneously..."

Very likely, very likely, but 100,000 years gives plenty of time to work out a way of steering the erratic Eros in a different direction, and I don't think it will, in the end, cause trouble. What I am thinking about is also the 100,000. There is no point in saying that we shall all be dead long before the 100,000 comes up — but what about the first hundred of the 100,000? Forget 100,000 and think of the first tranche, for a hundred years can destroy great empires. Yes, indeed, they can: it is not a joke to call Britain's *ci-devant* Empire great, for it was. And now?

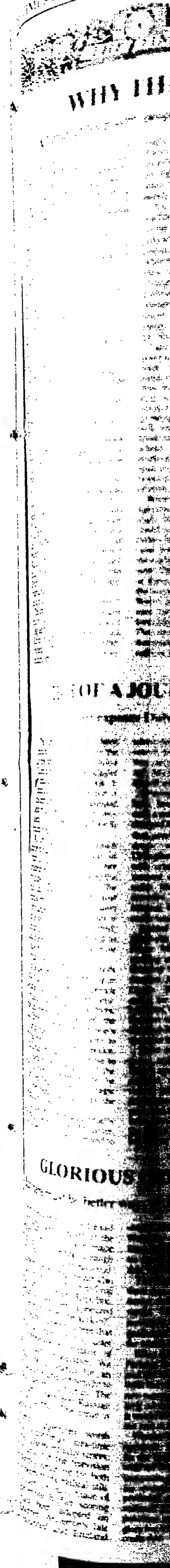
Here we are, talking about the infinite, while dreadful creatures crawl in and out, believing that they are running a Government. If we agree that we are not the only sentient creatures in the universe, surely the ones we know and see and hear cannot be the best. But then, why do none of them speak out? Come, come, it is obvious: if you were a creature from outer space, and turned your space-telescope towards this country, would you not run for your space-life?

There is, however, a point more personal to Becket which should not be overlooked. It would be quite wrong to think of him as an obstinate, worldly man, whose conversion to religious ways on becoming archbishop was a mere performance, and who would never have been regarded as a saint but for the manner of his death. His contemporaries thought of him as undergoing a kind of martyrdom even during the struggles and exile of his lifetime; and Frank Barlow has observed that those around Becket saw more than a sense of theatre, and were "conscious of an innate and constant greatness".

David Knowles once wrote that in history there are those such as Cicero or Abraham Lincoln whose personality reveals itself in every word they wrote or spoke, and others whose charm and power were felt by their contemporaries but whose surviving words do not conduct "the magnetic spark". He put Becket among the latter. But Becket was a truly charismatic man, or else he could hardly have retained the loyalties of so many highly intelligent and able supporters for so long, to the certain detriment of their careers. There was no disguising his distinction. Passing him on the road during his exile in France, a knight observed: "That's the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Devil."

Let us hope, therefore, that Becket's casket, with its enamel scenes representing his martyrdom and ascent into Heaven, will stay in England to remind us of this great Anglo-Norman and of a passage in our history significant for all of Europe.

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